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OUTLINES.

The Venezuelan situation grew acute last Saturday, according to the dispatches received from Caracas yesterday, and marked the downfall of President Castro, when former officials under his administration made an attempt to assassinate Acting President Gomez and overthrow the government. Gomez frustrated the scheme through his bravery in arresting several of the former officials—President-elect Taft at the invitation of thirty cities and towns in Texas, decided yesterday to visit that State at some convenient time after his inauguration—The case of W. B. Samuels, on trial in Danville, Va., this week was given to the jury late yesterday. He was tried for the murder of Sheriff Flannagan, of this State—The principal witness yesterday at the trial of the alleged night riders for murder, at (Union City, Tenn., was Mrs. Jackson, who told a vivid story of the night rider depredations and asked the court for armed protection. Will Russell, another confessed night rider, implicated the outlaws in the band and trembled with fear while on the stand—The House Ways and Means Committee has ended its hearings on the question of the tariff revision and began preparing to report for the special session of Congress—The plotting of the course of the Yankee shows her to have been far out of her course—D. L. Bowles, a wealthy citizen of Roanoke, Va., died yesterday from the effects of a fall received Monday—Seven members of the Councils, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and two former bank officials, on charges of bribery and other illegal acts will be given a preliminary trial under charges brought by the Voters' League—New York markets: Money on call firm 3 3-4 to 3 1-4 per cent, ruling rate 3 1-2, closing bid 3-4, offered at 3-1-2. Cotton quiet, 10 points higher, middling uplands 9.25, middling gulf 9.50. Flour dull and about steady. Wheat firm, No. 2 1.07 7-8 to 1.08 5-8 elevator. Corn firm, 64 1-2 to arrive elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

What do you want to bet that the House of Representatives will fire its Cannon on March 4th next?

We suppose what made Roosevelt mad was that the Congress had made public his secret service force's work.

We hope Taft will be as much pleased with Augusta as the people of that city seem to be pleased with him.

Cannon seems to feel sure that he has his guns "shot" and that those of the opposition have been spiked.

Why doesn't Congress retaliate by putting Treasury Department secret service men to shadowing the President?

Of course the scramble has already begun in Pennsylvania for the Senatorship as successor to the new Secretary of State.

Is Taft going to accept the hospitality of Georgia and not put a single one of her many Colonels on his staff? What ingratitude!

Roosevelt insists on the one-man rule for the District of Columbia. Is it his idea to solve in this way the problem: What shall we do with our ex-Presidents?

If you don't get what you want as a Christmas present remember that there are a great many others who are worse off than you are and be thankful for what you have.

The Congressman from the Eighteenth district of Illinois hopes that the next House of Representatives will be "cannonized" no matter what the religious beliefs of the individual members.

What's the matter? There has not been an initiation into the Ananias Club in two days. Roosevelt is neglecting his duties as the Chief Mogul of that distinctly Rooseveltian association.

This tariff revision farce ought to stop, else the Southern Democrats appearing before the Ways and Means Committee will induce Congress to make the proposed revision upward all through the schedule.

For a Christmas gift John D. Rockefeller received a check for four million dollars as the quarterly dividend on the stock he owns in the Standard Oil Company. We suppose he can worry through the holidays on this small amount.

The Raleigh Times wants to know: "What has become of the proposition to light Fayetteville streets?" Are we to understand that the leading street of the State capital is in darkness at night? Are there no street lamps in Raleigh?

Regular Interest Period. of the People's Savings Bank begins January 1st. If you deposit now with this bank you will receive your interest in Three Months.

WOMAN SUICIDE

Insane Patient Hospital at Raleigh Hangs Her With Shreds of Sheet.

RALEIGH HANGS HER WITH SHREDS OF SHEET.

Miss Thompson and J. C. DeRouhae Hamilton Married—School For Blind and Deaf Wants Increased Appropriation.

MISS THOMPSON AND J. C. DEROUHAE HAMILTON MARRIED—SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DEAF WANTS INCREASED APPROPRIATION.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The State Hospital for the Insane here was stirred last evening for the first time in a long while by the sensation of the suicide of a patient.

Mrs. Emma Taylor, wife of W. A. Taylor, of Edgecombe county, eluded her attendant, slipped back to her room, tore a sheet into strips, tied an end to the door knob and with the other end about her, dropped from a chair in such a way as to break her neck. The fall was only about 18 inches but she weighed 175 pounds. Mrs. Taylor had a delusion that she was being pursued. The remains were shipped today to the husband in Edgecombe county for interment.

The directors of the State School for the Blind and Deaf here ask of the Legislature \$43,843 in addition to the regular annual appropriation for maintenance. Additional grounds are declared to be a crying need and if these cannot be secured at the present location, then the institution should be moved, \$15,000 being asked for grounds. Space for race courses, foot ball field, etc., are needed for the health and exercise of the children. Ten new pianos are needed and steam heat. There are 346 children in the institution.

Reuben Barbee, the well-to-do Durham citizen, charged with the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt at the coal chute on the early morning of Dec. 3rd, was discharged last night after a lengthy hearing before Mayor Graham, of Durham. The evidence was not sufficient to hold in the face of the alibi that the defendant set up. The officers are as badly in the dark as ever as to the murderer of the late engineer.

The Maynard-Crutchfield Company, Winston-Salem, is chartered with \$25,000 capital for general plumbing business by F. G. Crutchfield, T. P. Maynard and A. F. Moses.

At 5:30 o'clock this afternoon in Christ Episcopal church there was a beautiful marriage service when Miss Cornelia Thompson, daughter of Mr. A. A. Thompson, a prominent cotton mill president of this city, became the bride of Mr. Joseph Gregorie de Rouhae Hamilton, of the chair of history, University of North Carolina. Rev. Milton A. Barber, the rector, officiated and there was a very large company of friends and relatives for the service. Miss Louise Yenabie, daughter of President Yenabie, of the University, was maid of honor and Miss May Montague and Miss Mary Armstrong Jones bridesmaids. Dr. Dan Heyward Hamilton, of Baltimore, brother of the groom, was best man and Messrs. John Jay Blair, F. P. Haywood, Raleigh; Vernon H. Whitaker, Birmingham, Ala.; Ivey F. Lewis, Ashland, Va.; J. H. Brodie, Henderson, and Hugh A. Thompson, Raleigh, were groomsmen. Mr. Hamilton and bride will be at home in Chapel Hill after a bridal tour North.

Grand Master S. M. Gattis is here arranging for the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Masons January 12th to 15th, and says that within less than five years the Grand Lodge will establish its long dreamed of home for aged and indigent masons, leading this work just as North Carolina Masonry 30-odd years ago did with the orphanage. Indications are that by far the largest gathering of Masons ever assembled in the State will be here for the formal opening of the Temple by the Grand Lodge.

After delivering a final batch of 34 opinions, the Supreme Court adjourned the term today to convene again in February. Opinions delivered are practically all in extreme western counties. One of much interest is that of R. N. Ebbs, who appealed from the order of Judge Peebles, in Buncombe court, disbarring him from practicing law because he was convicted in the Federal Court of another State for forgery. Ebbs appealed on the grounds that under the statute of this State the conviction must be in the State court to disbar. The court holds this is the case and the conviction in the Federal court is not within the statute, the case being remanded so if the Legislature restores to the courts power to inquire into charges affecting the character and moral conduct of lawyers Ebbs may be required to answer the charge of forgery and record of conviction in the Federal court will be competent evidence against him subject to the right on his part to answer. The court suggests that the Legislature amend Section 211, Act of 1871, to this effect.

There are dissenting opinions by Chief Justice Clark and Justice Brown, the latter holding that judgments of the Federal Court are entitled to the same consideration as the State court, and the Chief Justice taking the further ground that the

RAIN ROUTED SHOPPERS

Disagreeable Northeaster Set in Yesterday Afternoon With Clearing Toward Night—Snow in Richmond—Warning.

A cold, driving rain put to rout the small army of holiday shoppers who have been daily on the streets for the past week or more, the Weather Man having developed yesterday, especially during the afternoon, a full-fledged northeaster of most disagreeable proportions.

Toward night the skies began to clear and today promises to be quite clear and cold, ideal weather for the day before Christmas eve. The disturbance on the middle gulf coast Monday moved northeastward into Georgia with some increase in intensity, causing general rains in the South, of which Wilmington got something over half an inch. Snow was falling yesterday morning in Richmond and it looked something like a fall of "the beautiful" here until afternoon when the heavy rain set in and kept up intermittently during the remainder of the day. For the 24 hours ended at 8 o'clock last night the maximum temperature was 52 and the minimum 46, the latter at 8 o'clock last night with the mercury still falling. The reading promises to be uncomfortably near freezing this morning.

The rains appear to have been general in the State, especially in the East, the following "river warning" having been received at 3:20 P. M. yesterday from Director Thiessen, in charge of the station at Raleigh: Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Cape Fear river will rise to nearly flood stage by Thursday morning.

BROWN-REEVES.

Pretty Home Wedding at Residence of Bride's Parents Yesterday.

Yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown, No. 213 South Fifth street, Miss Maggie Fyfe Brown was wedded to Mr. Horace Prince Reeves, in the presence of a few relatives. The impressive marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ed. Munson's skilled musical touch added solemnity and pleasure to the occasion. The bride was tastefully attired in a cloth suit and was given away by her father. The approaching marriage was known by only a few close friends, however, numerous useful and elegant presents were received. Those present from out of the city were Mr. L. W. Reeves and Mr. James M. Reeves, of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Alexander and children, of Charlotte. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony on a southern trip and will be "at home" after January 3rd of the new year at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Parsley, South Second street.

DEEDS FILED YESTERDAY

Indicates Live Real Estate Market With Beginning of New Year.

Property transfers, by deeds filed for record at the court house, have daily increased during the past few days, and give indications of a lively condition of the real estate market with the beginning of the new year. Transfers filed yesterday are as follows: R. B. Boney to Charles C. Chadbourne, for \$100 and other considerations, lot on Tenth street, 66 feet south of Wright street, 66x160 feet in size; D. R. Foster and wife, to J. E. Taylor, for \$100 and other considerations, lot corner of Eighth and Harnett streets, 99x99 feet in size; Daniel O'Connor, executor, to C. S. VanAmringe, for \$2,925, lot on Orange street, 66 feet east of Sixth, parts of lots one to three, inclusive, according to official plan of city; Adelaide Evans to T. G. Empey, for \$1,800, tract of land on Northeast branch of Cape Fear river, situated 219 feet above the Carolina Central road.

Another Case of Abandonment.

The finding of a negro infant, not over 27 hours old, on the porch of the home of William Mallet, a colored man, on Campbell, between Sixth and Seventh streets, late Monday night was a repetition of incidents of a like nature the police have been called upon to investigate during recent months. The child was in a serious condition when found and is said to have been left there by a young colored woman, who was seen when she placed the basket on the porch. It was cared for and has been adopted by Annie McMillan, a colored woman, who lives at No. 710 Hanover street, who promised to provide for it.

The Hewletts Were Tried.

In Justice Bornemann's court yesterday Captain Jerro Hewlett and nephew, W. C. Hewlett, who reside on Greenville Sound, were tried on several charges, the latter being taxed with the costs in two actions, charging assault and disorderly conduct and the former was dealt with in the same manner for disorderly conduct. W. C. Hewlett was also tried for personal injury to property, charged with smashing into the buggy of A. Glugin, the justice reserving his decision until next Saturday at noon in this case.

Refusal of Ebbs to answer as to his guilt was, furthermore, practically an admission of his guilt, warranting disbarment in the proceeding below.

SEABOARD ALLIANCE

Ryan-Blair Interests Identical in S. A. L. and Carolina Clinchfield and Ohio.

TRAFFIC TO WILMINGTON

Lines May be Merged Upon Clearing Up of Receivership of the Larger Property—Means Much For Local Port.

A recent dispatch from Baltimore, Md., gives color to the conviction among well informed people for some time that there is a very close alliance between the Seaboard Air Line and the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad, which is building a line for the purpose of developing a tract of 25,000 acres of coal land in southeast Virginia, and that necessarily, sooner or later, Wilmington must be the outlet for the vast amount of traffic which is expected to follow the connection of the two roads at Bostic.

While the C. C. & O. is building to Spartanburg, S. C., and an outlet to deep water at Charleston is provided from there over the C. & W. C., a subsidiary road of the Atlantic Coast Line, it is believed here by parties in close touch with the situation, that the Carolina Clinchfield, being owned by allied interests, will prefer to use the Carolina Central branch of the Seaboard for the diversion of its traffic after connecting with the latter at Bostic, there being an air line from there to Wilmington and deep water. But the Baltimore dispatch speaks for itself and is as follows:

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—There is much talk in local financial circles relative to the Seaboard Air Line Railway taking over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad when the former is reorganized.

The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio is controlled by the Ryan-Blair interests, who were also the dominating interests in the Seaboard prior to the receivership.

According to the story current, the carrying out of the plan will depend upon the showing the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio makes during the next year or two. It is a new road, only partly finished, and is being built for the purpose of developing a tract of 25,000 acres of coal land in southeast Virginia.

The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio will extend from Elkhorn, Ky., on the Chesapeake & Ohio, to Spartanburg, S. C., on the Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line, about 285 miles, to be completed by July 1909, of which sixty-seven and one-half miles, from Johnson City, Tenn., south to Altopass, N. C., and eight miles from Dante to Fink, Va., was operated in March, 1908. Construction is completed, or largely completed, from Altopass to Bostic, N. C.; sixty-one miles, and from Fink, Va., to Johnson City, Tenn., seventy-eight miles. The capital stock amounts to \$30,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 is 6 per cent. preferred and \$15,000,000 is common. A few months ago a new mortgage was created to secure \$15,000,000 3-year 5 per cent. bonds.

It will be a year, and probably two years, before the Seaboard is taken out of the hands of receivers, and by that time it is believed that the new coal road will have demonstrated its earning possibilities sufficient to determine whether or not it would be a desirable acquisition for the Seaboard.

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL

Game Between Wilmington and Savannah Exciting Much Interest.

Aside from the usual events of Christmas day, the occasion of greatest interest will be the football game to be played in the afternoon between the Wilmington team and the Savannah team. The game will be played at 4 o'clock at New League Park and the admission will be 50 cents, with children half price.

The game promises to be one of the hardest fought ever seen in Wilmington and the football enthusiasts are looking forward with great pleasure to the event. Both of the teams are in the pink of condition and a battle royal is promised. The local eleven is without a doubt the strongest amateur aggregation in the State and the Savannah team comes to the city with a splendid record of successes. It will be a case of "Greek meet Greek," with the result in doubt until the last half has ended.

Hard practices have been held by the Wilmington eleven and the men are in fine shape and ready to give a good account of themselves.

Christmas at Southside.

Southside Baptist Sunday School will hold a donation service at the church Thursday, Christmas eve, from 7 to 8 P. M. for the purpose of receiving gifts to be distributed among the poor on Christmas morning. Anything from groceries for the family to toys for the children will be gladly received and dispensed judiciously. If friends wish to send presents through the Sunday School to their friends they have the privilege of doing so.

Rebber's is the place to buy Christmas presents.

WILMINGTON MAN MISSING

Leander J. Sprague, Former Proprietor of Colonial Inn, Being Inquired For in New York by His Wife.

A special to yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer from New York tells of the disappearance of Mr. L. J. Sprague, for a short time manager of the Colonial Inn in this city and at one time engaged here in the commission business. The family had been lost sight of here since their departure after an unsuccessful management of the hotel property and the following special to the Raleigh paper was the first intimation of the subsequent whereabouts of the people:

New York, Dec. 21.—Having been missing from his home for sixteen months, search is being made in this city today for Leander Judson Sprague, of Wilmington, N. C., whose wife believes him to be in some hospital or sanitarium in or near New York. Mrs. Vashiti H. Sprague, the wife of the missing man, waited at her home until last week for her husband's return, and not wishing to humiliate him should he come back, did not tell any one that she did not know his whereabouts.

When she did not hear from him, she at last decided to come to New York and make a personal search. Sprague is a native of New York but Mrs. Sprague is a member of a well known Southern family and at the time of her marriage was considerably embarrassed by her neighbors calling her husband a "Yankee." Mr. Sprague had allowed business affairs to worry him, and to rest his mind came to New York. When he disappeared, however, he first went to Asheville, where he wrote his wife, and she now believes him in some sanitarium and unable to communicate with her. She has asked the authorities to assist her.

WEDDING AT MAGNOLIA.

Pretty Wedding Ceremony There Last Evening in Baptist Church.
(Special Star Correspondence.)

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 22.—An interesting marriage ceremony was celebrated at the Baptist church in Magnolia this evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Samuel Garland Winstead, of Roxboro, N. C., wedded Miss Katharine Cooper Barden. The bride wore a handsome dark blue traveling suit and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. On entrance of the bridal party Miss Fannie Gray Farrior played Loheugrin's wedding march, and rendered Mendelssohn's as a recessional. During the ceremony Miss Hettie Farrior softly played "Traumerli." The bride entered upon the arm of her brother, Mr. Jas. T. Barden, of Wilmington, and was met at the altar by the groom accompanied by Mr. W. H. Winstead, of Goldsboro.

Before the entrance of the bridal party Miss Fannie Gray Farrior gave a vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Hettie Farrior on the violin. The altar was banked with smilax, potted plants and evergreens.

Miss Lanie Barden, sister of the bride, dressed in white organdie and carrying a bouquet of white carnations, was maid of honor; Messrs P. J. Heath, of Magnolia, and W. E. Hines, of Warsaw, acted as ushers. The beautiful ring ceremony was given by Rev. J. H. Booth, pastor of the church.

Numerous and costly presents testify to the great popularity of the young people. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Winstead left for Roxboro, their future home, where a reception will be tendered them by the parents of the groom. The bride is one of Duplin's most charming and attractive women. Gifted with rare intellect, she combines all the qualities of a woman nobly planned. She was educated at the Normal College, having graduated with honors. Mr. Winstead is a young lawyer, possessed of unusual ability and is justly esteemed by all for his integrity and high moral character. As a speaker and thinker he has no superior among the younger members of the profession in the State. He is a graduate of Trinity, holding two degrees from that institution. The newly wedded pair enjoy the good wishes of a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

Dainty Little Mementoes Are Appearing on Many Packages.

Amid all the hurry and confusion of the holidays, it is pleasing to note that the public is not neglecting the splendid opportunity presented to assist a most worthy cause in the use of the dainty Little Red Cross stamps, which add a pleasing bit of sentiment to every gift and missive exchanged during this festive yuletide. Only about ten days yet remain for the use of these stamps and it is sincerely hoped that the expectations of the ladies who compose the Wilmington branch of the Society will be met fully and more. Many letters and packages now received from the North are bearing these stamps, showing the wide character of the movement and the immense possibilities of the idea conceived last year for the first time in Wilmington, Del. The stamps may be had, one, two or a hundred at the drug stores or at the Woman's Exchange.

UNEARTH THE PIPES

Conference Yesterday Between Officials of City and Clarendon Waterworks Co.

TO MAKE AN INSPECTION

Sections of Four and Six Inch Mains Will be Taken Up For Inspection by Committee—Excavations This Morning.

At a conference of Chairman Wood and Alderman Bolles, of the Waterworks Committee of the Board of Aldermen; Mayor William E. Springer, City Engineer Raymond Humphreys and officials of the Clarendon Waterworks Company, in the office of the latter, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock all arrangements were completed for an examination of the condition of the four and six-inch pipe of the company at different places on the system today, this being for the Board to inform itself fully as to the charge that much of the pipe is badly corroded and otherwise damaged.

The waterworks company willingly submits to the test and left the points for examination entirely with the committee, it having been decided to examine a section of the six-inch pipe on Hanover street, leading to the Coast Line yards, and a section of the four-inch pipe as it is laid at the lower end of Princess street. The city will furnish the hands for making the excavation and the sections of the pipe will be removed and replaced permanently with a "sleeve" so that the exhibits will later be available for inspection by any member of the Board who desires to inform himself of the condition. The waterworks company bears all the expense of the two tests to be made and says that it will be willing to still other inspections in other places, if the city will meet the expense, which is \$12 to \$20 in each instance. After the two tests today, the committee will decide whether further inspection will be necessary.

It had been expected that an inspection would be made yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and a section of pipe had been excavated at Sixth and Chestnut streets, but after consulting with the waterworks officials, it was found that the removal of a section of pipe was a larger undertaking than the city would suppose. The water has to be shut off of the circuit tapped and the "sleeve" has to be soldered back at the joint, entailing from three to five hours of hard work. After the conference yesterday, the locations named were decided upon as fair examples of the pipe all over the city and the excavation for these tests will be made by street laborers first thing this morning under the direction of the city engineer. It is understood that the pipe has been underground for nearly 20 years and experts will be asked to pass upon the sections removed for examination as to its depreciation since being underground, its further durability, etc.

The examination is expected to put an end to speculation which has arisen about the condition of the pipe and the public confidently expects the committee will "do something" as soon as the proceeds of the bond issue are available.

THE SHADELAND DAIRY.

Distributing Depot Overhauled and Attaches Appear in Uniform.

A credit to the city and the enterprising management, the Shadeland Dairy yesterday placed three brand new wagons in charge of its distributing depot at Eighth and Princess streets in this city. The wagons are of the latest design, handsomely finished and make a neat and most attractive appearance on the street. The drivers are required to be dressed at all times while on duty in pure white duck overalls, white caps and shoes and each is furnished with badge, so that a "Shadeland" man can be easily identified anywhere and everywhere. Capt. J. D. Bowen, who recently purchased an interest in the business, is in charge of the distributing depot and this has recently been completely overhauled, repainted and placed in fine shape. The public is not slow in manifesting its appreciation of enterprise of this kind and the Shadeland people have cause for congratulation upon this latest evidence of their progressiveness and ability to meet the demands of their patrons.

Action to Recover Bull Dog.

Civil proceedings brought by W. J. Penny in Justice Bornemann's court, in the nature of a suit, to recover a bull dog which he claimed to be his and held by Ed Thompson, colored, was tried and disposed of yesterday afternoon, the plaintiff regaining possession of the animal by execution after he had proved in court that the dog belonged to him. Thompson stated in court that he bought the dog from a man in the country, but failed to substantiate the alleged purchase and the action was decided against him.

Do your Christmas shopping at Rebber's big store at Fourth Street bridge and Market street store, at Bonita Hotel.

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TAFT AND THE SOUTH.

We are glad to see that there is a disposition on the part of the Democrats of this State to meet President-elect Taft half way in his declared determination to show himself the President of the whole country and to know no section. This disposition is shown in the proposition approved of by the present Governor and by the Governor-elect to extend to Taft an invitation to address the Legislature at some date convenient to himself. We hope Taft will find it convenient to accept such invitation. We know of nothing that would or could do more to bring about a friendly feeling between this one of the States of the Solid South and the incoming Republican administration. Taft is not of our party. He was elected against our wish and against the wish and votes of a large majority of the voters of North Carolina; but still he was elected and after March 4th he will be the President of the United States—we hope and have reason to believe of the whole United States and not of the States alone which gave him their electoral votes, nor of the party to which he owes his success. Then if he is determined to be the President of the whole country let us who were his opponents in the campaign show him that we can be as generous and as patriotic as he and accept him as our President. In doing so we who preferred Bryan for President no more give up our allegiance to the Democratic party than does he abandon his affiliation with the Republican party when he declares and by his conduct tries to make it plain to the people that he will be the President of the whole country irrespective of party or of section. Of course we do not expect Taft to appoint Democrats to Federal offices. He would not be doing his duty to his party to do so, but we do expect that he will, in his appointments in the South, be governed by the wishes of the best class of people in this section.

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL.

To those of our readers who are able to give to the poor at this Christmas time let us say a word, and that is: You who have to give don't wait until the day, but give what you can beforehand so that the recipients of your bounty may enjoy the preparation for the holiday. It is very different with you who know that the presents and the festivities will be provided for. But with those who have no joyous Christmas to look forward to it is very different. They see the rejoicing and the festivity around them, but they are in the deepest gloom because none of this can come to them unless they are on the list of some benevolent society—and how do they know whether that be the case or not. You who have a plenty at home and to spare to those who need it more than you or your family do let it be known to some destitute family that you will see that the family has a good dinner on Christmas day and the children presents to make them happy. Try this and you will enjoy your Christmas dinner all the more and the day will be a happier one to you. Don't take our word for it, but make the experiment for yourself and see if we are not telling the truth. Let's all of us try this year to see how universal we can make this Christmas a season of general rejoicing instead of a selfish season of gratification.

SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY.

The Charlotte papers are still exercised over the early completion of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad. They seem to think that heretofore nothing has been done which will be of so much interest to that city as will be the completion of this line of railroad. If this road will be of so much interest to Charlotte, what will it be to our city, at the end of the line where it makes connection with the steamships of the Atlantic ocean? Charlotte will be, as it were, a way station, while Wilmington will be the chief seaport terminal. We know we have had a great deal to say about this matter in the columns of this paper, and we suppose we have tired some people by frequent reference to the same; but we consider it of so much importance to our city's future welfare that he feel that our duty compels us to refer to it again and again. Too much emphasis

cannot be placed on the importance of this enterprise to our city, and we feel that the greater interest our people show in it the greater will be the benefit to accrue to the city. There is a bright future ahead of our city if the people will just seize the opportunity. It is within their power to make it the chief seaport on the South Atlantic. Will they do it, or will they let the opportunity pass?

AN INTERESTING BOOK.

Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, has sent us a copy of a most delightful book he has just published entitled a "Southerner in Europe." It is a compilation of fourteen letters he wrote to his paper while on a trip through Europe last summer. He has incorporated these letters in book form and most interesting reading matter they make. These letters were written from week to week to his paper and in their collective form have been pronounced by one competent to judge as "not only of readable and interesting travel sketches, but even more notable as a vigorous and thought-provoking view of the needs and opportunities of our southern people as seen in the light of Old World conditions." This interesting book is for sale by the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, price seventy-five cents in cloth or forty cents in paper. It is a book that our readers will enjoy and the price of a copy will be money well spent.

We suppose those members of the North Carolina Legislature who vote to invite Taft to address that body should be designated as "mugwumps," "newborn Southerners," or "nearby Democrats." But how about Glenn and Kitchin favoring the extending of the invitation? Do they come within one or the other of the above designated classes?

The Greensboro Record says that if Taft succeeds in revising the tariff on the lines he proposes the political industries would "slay him alive." What a horrible fate awaits the next President—to be slayed alive. Why don't they wait until he dies a natural death before they slay him?

It has been a nip-and-tuck race this fall and winter between the ice-man and the coal-man, with the odds in favor of the former. That is the state of the race up to the present time, but there is no telling what will happen in the next few days.

King Otto of Bavaria is a raving maniac, confined in a padded cell in his palace and restrained by a strait-jacket. Strait-jackets for rulers will become fashionable garments on both side of the Atlantic in the near future if there is anything in present indications.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Forty miles of trolley lines put out of commission and 10,000 men in danger of idleness is the latest drought news from Western Pennsylvania. On the whole, Gov. Gild of Massachusetts is probably not a bit to strenuous in his characterization of that fatuous policy which has stubbornly refused to make provision for forest reservations for the regulation of streams and conservation of the water supply.—New York Tribune.

The Philadelphia Record thinks the President can not "too soon" apologize to Congress for the "insulting language" of his annual message. Apologize! Imagine, if you can, Mr. Roosevelt apologizing to anybody or to any aggregation of anybody for anything. To apologize is to admit an error or a wrong, and the Great Infallible and Impeccable who occupies the big White House at the other end of the Avenue can, in his own estimation and that of some few others, commit neither. Besides, should he, by some miracle, acquire the gift to see himself as others see him and undertake to make apologies in all cases where apologies are due, he could not complete the job during his lifetime, even though he should attain the years of the many-wintered crow.—Virginian-Pilot.

The House took dignified action in unanimously adopting the Perkins resolution. The special committee appointed in accordance with its provisions, should be able to make a thorough inquiry into the President's insinuations concerning the sensitivity of Congress in relation to a report recommending a suitable and dignified course of action. Now that the House has taken official notice of the subject, however, it should present a bold front to the end. The President, if driven to close quarters, will adopt expedients characteristic of him to browbeat Congress or win public sympathy by shifting the issue in some manner. Congress must display courage and pertinacity in defending its dignity, if it is to command the respect of the people in such a contest.—

Springfield Republican.

—What some of our English cousins don't know about us makes interesting reading. For instance, this, from the London Illustrated News: "Mr. James S. Palmer, Vice President-elect of the United States, may possibly look forward to filling one day the position of President. It will be remembered that on the death of President McKinley, Mr. Roosevelt, who was then Vice President, succeeded automatically to the Presidency without opposition. Should anything happen to Mr. Taft (which we sincerely trust, for his sake, may not be the case) Mr. Palmer would probably, if precedent were followed, take his place." "If precedent were followed" it is not the least probable that Mr. Palmer, whoever he is, will ever be President. It seems strange that a reputable English paper should know so little about American current events or American law in such a matter as the succession to the Presidency.—Raleigh Times.

—Much above the usual standard of bills on its class of subjects is a bill by Representative Wiley, of Alabama, to fix a standard of cotton classification. This measure provides that standards be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Once fixed, the official standards must be used by all exchanges. Cotton exchanges must have the same rule for receiving, delivering and tendering grades of cotton on contract, and the differences between grades must remain the same at all places where exchange business is done. One obviously beneficial effect of this procedure would be, of course, to secure uniformity in prices and quotations throughout the country and thereby do away with a great deal of annoyance, loss and inconvenience. Another effect would be to sweep some of the New York cotton exchange's worst abuses out of existence. Instantly. Rational arguments can be made against Representative Wiley's bill as well as for it, but at all events it is worthy of the cotton world's thoughtful consideration.—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Mary—How would you like to spend eternity with young Rogers? Alice—I did. He cald last night.—Pick-Me-Up.

—Stella—What bankrupted him? Bella—His wife dressed so people wouldn't think he was becoming bankrupt.—New York Sun.

—The Kid—Please, mister, gimme a tough sirloin steak? The Butcher—Tough? The Kid—Yes; 'cause if it's tender dad eats it all.—Illustrated Bits.

—"What kind of ships do we encounter on the voyage of life?" asked the propounder of silly questions. "Hardships," promptly answered the pessimistical person.—Chicago News.

—"Your audiences seemed shocked by the show?" "At first," answered the manager, "but we expurgated it." "And then?" "Then they seemed disappointed."—Washington Star.

—Aunt Miranda (at her city niece's wedding)—What is that inscription, Silas, on that there butter plate? Cynical Uncle—Looks to me like "For Butter or Worse."—Harvard Lampoon.

—"I'm living in a new neighborhood now." "Have your new neighbors offered you any attentions?" "Well, I think some of them invited friends to watch me move in."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"Why," asked the teacher, "did Washington cross the Delaware?" "I father was a corporation lawyer," he had been over getting himself incorporated in New Jersey.—Chicago Record-Herald.

—"After all," said Morrell, "the Almighty Dollar is man's greatest enemy." "Is it responsible?" "If that's true," interrupted old Roxley, "I guess that young wife of mine simply loves me for the enemies I've made."—Philadelphia Press.

—Mrs. Skandell was telling me a story today about that odious Mrs. Galley," began Mrs. Jigley. "See here!" interrupted her husband. "I thought you hated gossip." "Why-er so I do, but, of course, I can't hate it thoroughly until I know just exactly what it is."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

—Greensboro News: There was considerable talk on the streets yesterday about the indictment by the Federal grand jury at Charlotte of Lee H. Battle, former cashier of the defunct City National Bank. Most of those who discussed the matter expressed sympathy for Mr. Battle, but inasmuch as the case is to be tried out in the courts, no one who is familiar with the conditions leading to the indictment would talk for publication. Mr. Battle was seen by a News man and asked for a statement. He only said that he feels certain that he will be duly vindicated, and until the facts are brought out fully and in detail at the trial, he wants the people of this State, among whom he claims many friends who place confidence in him, to withhold their judgment. "The charges in the indictment are without foundation and at the proper time will be shown to be wholly unsustainable," he said.

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Another Chapter to Baxter Shemwell Controversy Written at Lexington.

(Charlotte Observer.) Lexington, Dec. 19.—Another chapter was added in the Baxter Shemwell controversy today. Owing to the absence of Mr. Shemwell, the case which was set for trial against Dr. D. W. Patterson, of New Orleans, was continued, but another sensation followed in the arrest three times of Detective Williamson.

Among the passengers on the train the morning that the difficulty occurred between Mr. Shemwell and Conductor Smithers was a Dr. D. W. Patterson, of New Orleans, who is said to have interfered, and a warrant was sworn out against him charging assault. This trial was set for this morning and Dr. Patterson; John N. Wilson, attorney for the Southern at Greensboro; L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, and several other railroad men were here; but upon motion of attorneys for the prosecution the case was continued until January 18th. This motion was made on the ground that Mr. Shemwell could not be here. Attorneys for the railroad filed an affidavit asking for a removal, but the justice of the peace, T. L. Moore, refused to remove it, holding that the other motion was made first and that he would continue it instead. Dr. Patterson came all the way from New Orleans to be on hand at the time set for the trial.

Two warrants were sworn out against J. F. Williamson, special agent of the Southern Railway, who has been the principal one connected with the case, charging him with carrying concealed weapons on two occasions during the past summer when in Lexington. He was also arrested on an arrest and bail proceeding instituted by C. L. Wood for malicious prosecution. This grew out of Wood's arrest during the past summer upon the charge of the larceny of railroad brasses from the railroad. He was bound over by the magistrate, but the grand jury failed to find a true bill. He demands damages in the sum of \$2,000. Williamson gave bond in all of the cases with J. G. Walser as surety.

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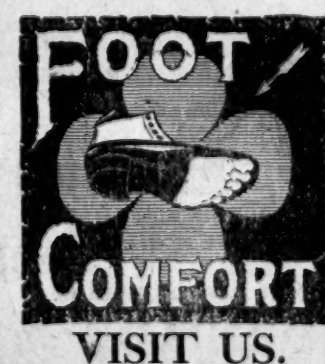
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Appreciated the Beautiful.

That it is not always well to put on one's dullest garments when one goes to visit the poor is the moral of a story told in an English magazine recently. There were two philanthropists, according to the tale, one a professional and the other an amateur. The professional had arranged to take the amateur to a gathering of slum dwellers in the east end of London. At the appointed hour the amateur, who happens to be a duchess and a great beauty, appeared. The house of her friend, a dazzling apparition in court dress, tiara and jewels. "Oh, my dear," gasped the professional, falling helplessly into the nearest chair, "don't you know that we are going to one of the lowest and most squalid slums? I can't promise that you will bring any of that back with you." But the beauty only laughed. "That's all right," she said. "I quite understand you. But poor people love beautiful things. Their children especially are captivated with fine dresses and feathers. Just wait and you will see!" And the professional did see. Those poor, half starved, half naked slum dwellers had eyes for no one but the dazzling young beauty who had done them the infinite honor of coming to see them in her most beautiful frock and jewels.

Not Much News.

In the summer of 1903 an exploring expedition set out from Cook Inlet, Alaska, in an attempt to climb Mount McKinley, the highest peak on the American continent. They went in with a pack of cayuses through a hundred miles of tundra and then struggled for weeks over glaciers and through terrible hardships, to emerge at last on the Chulitna river, down which they rafted to civilization, as represented by Cook Inlet.

As they came in, worn, ragged, almost dead from exposure and hunger, a tall old man strolled upshore with four white men's dogs, says Robert Dunn in "The Shameless Diary of an Explorer." They asked him the news of the world.

"Waal, yer know the pope's dead," he drawled, "and the cardinals held a sort of convention and elected a new pope."

"Roosevelt he's agreed to complain to the czar of Rooshia about them massacred Jews, and some one's killed that Queen Dragon of Servia trying to jump her claim to the throne. And Rooshia's going to fight the Japs. They ain't much happened this summer."

Murdered by a Statue.

The death of Kenith, the half mythical king of Scotland, was one of the most curious and remarkable in history. If it may be called a historical fact. It seems that Kenith had slain Cruthlunt, a son, and Malcolm Duffin, the king and brother of Fennella. She, to be revenged, caused Wiltus, the most ingenious artist of the time, to fashion a statue filled with automatic springs and levers. Finished and set up this brazen image was an admirable work of art. In its right hand Wiltus placed a ewer and in the left an apple of pure gold finely set with diamonds and other precious stones. To touch this apple was to court death. It was so arranged that any one guilty of such vandalism would be immediately riddled with arrows shot from loopholes in the statue's body. Kenith was invited to see the wonder and, kinglike (and just as Fennella hoped), tried to pluck the imitation fruit. He was instantly riddled with poisoned arrows, dying where he fell.

Still Ahead.

A congressman says he was riding in a smoking car on a little one track road and in the seat in front of him sat a jewelry drummer. He was one of those wide awake, never-let-any-one-get-the-better-of-him style of men. Presently the train stopped to take on water, and the conductor neglected to send back a flagman. A limited express, running at a rate of ten miles an hour, came along and bumped the rear end of the first train. The drummer was lifted from his seat and pitched head first against the seat ahead. His silk hat was jammed clear down over his ears. He picked himself up and settled back in his seat. No bones had been broken. Then he pulled off his hat, drew a long breath and, straightening up, said: "Hully gee! Well, they didn't get by us anyway!"

Got His Wish.

At the height of their nightly quarrel the other day Mrs. Blank choked back a sob and said reproachfully: "I was reading one of your old letters today, James, and you said in it that you would rather live in endless torment with me than in bliss by yourself."

"Well, I got my wish," Blank growled.

The Dolphin Violin.

The Dolphin violin was so named on account of the beauty of the wood, the back of the instrument resembling the color of a dolphin. It was made by Stradivarius in 1714, and it is considered the most beautiful violin in the world. It is owned by an Englishman and is valued at \$5,000.—Musical Home Journal.

Well Occupied in Either Case.

It is beautiful to see a young girl start out with the avowed intention of devoting her life to teaching school, and yet few people blame her seriously when she quits to get married.—Tombstone Epitaph.

A Hypocrite.

Teacher (after explaining the character of the Pharisee)—And now what do we mean by a "hypocrite"? Pupil—Please, miss, a man wot says he is wot he isn't, but he ain't.—Punch.

Only a Salute.

"One of our early lawyers had a murder case to defend," said a Montana official, "and he had a hard case. When it came time to sum up he asked permission to take a recess for ten minutes, and during that ten minutes he went over to the hotel to get an inspiration. When he came back he walked out in front of the jury and said: 'As regards to this case, this is the greatest country on which the sun ever shone. We are the greatest people. We have the greatest destiny. Why, gentlemen, every time one of the ships of our glorious navy sails into the ports of the world with the stars and stripes flying every ship of that power and every ship of every other power fires a salute from great cannon in her honor, and gentlemen of the jury, if you listen to what the secondarily opposition of this man has to say you are about to incarcerate in prison or hang by the neck my poor, unfortunate client simply because he on one occasion fired one small revolver shot at a man who unfortunately died on that occasion.'—Saturday Evening Post.

The Editor on Carelessness.

"Yes," said the editor as he put his gum brush into the ink bottle and tried to paste on a clipping with his pen, "yes, the great fault of newspaper contributors is carelessness."

"Indeed," he continued as he dropped the copy he had been writing into the wastebasket and marked "Editorial" across the corner of a poem entitled "An Ode to Death," "contributors are terribly careless."

"You would be surprised," said he as he clipped out a column of fashion notes and labeled them "Farm," "to see the slipshod writing that comes into the editorial sanctum."

"Misspelled, unpunctuated, written on both sides of the sheet, illegible, ungrammatical stuff. Contributors are terribly careless. They are!"

Just then the office boy came in with that dictatorial and autocratic manner he has and demanded more copy, and the editor handed him the love letter he had just written to his sweetheart.—London Globe.

Queen Caroline's Pastime.

Queen Caroline, wife of King George IV, of England, with whom she was on the worst possible terms, is described in "The Diary of a Lady in Waiting," written by Lady Charlotte Bury. The queen seems to have tried witchcraft on the king. Lady Charlotte writes on one occasion: "After dinner her royal highness made a wax figure, as usual, and gave it an amiable addition of large horns, then took three pins out of her garments and stuck them through and through and put the figure to roast and melt at the fire. If it was not too melancholy to have to do with this, I could have died of laughing. She indulges in this amusement whenever there are no strangers at the table, and some think her royal highness really has a superstitious belief that destroying this effigy of her husband will bring to pass the destruction of his royal person. What a silly piece of spite! Yet it is impossible not to laugh when one sees it done."

Just Like a Lazy Man.

An elderly gentleman, who would rather sleep late than eat the most attractive breakfast, was leisurely wending his way toward the subway when he was accosted by a breathless woman.

"Oh, mister, a lot of toughs are beating a hurdy gurdy man to death. Can't you help?"

"Where?"

"Right around the corner. Oh, please come with me!"

The late sleeper peered through his gold rimmed glasses at the complainant and asked:

"Is he a very big hurdy gurdy man?"

"Oh, no, sir! He's a very small man."

"Then surely, my good woman, they can't need any help from me."—New York Press.

Doomsday Book.

The Doomsday Book is a British institution. It is a book of the general survey of England, commenced in the reign of William I. (the Conqueror), about 1080, some say about 1086. It was intended to be a "register to determine the right in the tenure of estates, to discover the extent of any man's land, to fix his homage and to settle the question of the military aid he was bound to furnish."

Won Every Time.

"Have you ever loved and lost?" sighed the swain.

"Nope," responded the maiden promptly. "I've won every breach of promise suit I ever brought."—Cleveland Leader.

Amusing.

Hiram Greene—What did your sister say when you told her I was going to make a speech in the town hall tonight? Willie—She didn't say nothin'. She just laughed till she had hysterics!

His Sweet Voice.

He—Did you hear me singing under your window last night? I hope your father didn't hear it? She—Yes, he did. But you needn't worry. He thought it was the cats.—Stray Stories.

Now They Don't Speak.

Mary—Do you think it would be conceded for me to tell my friends that I made this dress myself? Edith—Not conceded, my dear—superfluous.

A wise man contents himself with doing as much good as his situation allows him to do.—Lord Bellingbrooke.



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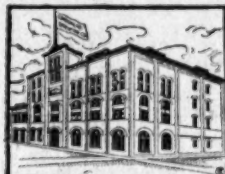
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Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 22nd:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 48 degrees;
8 P. M. 46 degrees; maximum 52 degrees; minimum 46 degrees; mean 49 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .52; for the month 1.98 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 A. M. 5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; colder near the coast Wednesday; northwest winds diminishing.

Port Calendar—Dec. 23.

Sun Rises, 7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets, 4:50 P. M.
Day's Length, 9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 7:23 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 9:45 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Get a Turkey.
W. B. Cooper—Closed Saturday.
Crescent Candy Co.—For Men Only.
N. J. Williams—Fireworks Ordinance.

Academy of Music—Beyond the Rockies.

C. H. Fore & Co.—Christmas Suggestions.

Business Locals.

Lost—Gold Watch.
To Let—Room and Board.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Chas. G. Hall is at home from school to spend the holidays at home.

—Mr. W. J. McGirt, of Whiteville, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

—Messrs. J. B. and J. E. Montgomery are at home from Oak Ridge Institute to spend the yuletide.

—Mr. W. W. Koch and family left yesterday for Newbern, to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clough, of Chadbourn, were visitors to the city yesterday.

—Miss Elise Kidder is at home from school in Baltimore and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kidder.

—Miss Jennie Crane has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her friend, Miss Thurber Gore.

—Mr. John G. White, formerly of this city, now of Cincinnati, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

—Miss Roberta Brady is at home from the Baptist Female University at Raleigh to spend the holidays with her parents.

—Messrs. B. A. and E. L. Anderson, of Fair Bluff, and M. K. Moore, of Warsaw, were among the arrivals at The Orion yesterday.

—Mr. Joe Wilkinson is at home from Davidson College to spend the holidays and is being pleasantly greeted by his many friends.

—Mr. J. L. Stern, head of the firm of J. L. Stern & Co., expert sales managers, left last night for New York to spend the holidays. He will return early in the New Year.

—Miss Annie Worth has returned from Miss Madeira's School in Washington, D. C., and will spend the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Worth.

—Miss Pauline Rosenman returned yesterday from New York City, where she has been attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenman.

—It will be pleasing to the friends of Col. F. W. Kerchner to know that a letter received yesterday states that he continues to improve and is now able to sit up a part of each day. One day this week he expressed a desire to go downstairs and feels very much encouraged.

THE DUNN SENSATION

Death of Thornton Declared Result of Indigestion and Alcoholism.
(Special Star Telegram.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 22.—Dr. Caviness, the coroner, assisted by Drs. Hicks and Lee, last night made as thorough an analysis of the stomach of R. F. Thornton, who died in the guard house Saturday night, as possible, finding no trace of poison and declaring that death was caused by acute indigestion and alcoholic poisoning. Mr. G. M. Lee was released from prison last night, there having been no evidence to connect him with the death in any manner whatsoever. The coroner by long distance telephone ascertained that under our present State law we have no State chemist and an analysis of the stomach by an expert would cost \$300, which amount was not available. The dead man's pocket book, containing between \$30 and \$50 is still missing.

Law Enforcement League.
Another meeting of the Law Enforcement League, recently organized, was held last night at the Y. M. C. A., but it was stated after the meeting that there was nothing for publication other than that the plans of the League are in good shape and its objects and purposes will be announced in due time. The organization is for the purpose of co-operating with city and county authorities in making fully effective the State prohibition law, as far as possible, after the first of January.

Christmas Presents.

Have you opened an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister or Child as a Christmas present? The Pass Book you receive will make a practical gift, you can open an account from twenty-five cents up.

LOCAL DOTS.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets: Services this evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are invited.

—Will Tolbert, a white man, thought to be mentally unbalanced, was arrested yesterday morning at Tenth and Wright streets by Officer Marcus Gray and was committed to the county jail to await an official investigation, to determine his condition.

—An inquiry was made yesterday into the mental condition of Julia Sumpter, colored, who was arrested several days ago for safe keeping by Officer R. L. Rouse and it was decided that she was not insane. Upon recommendation she was sent to the county farm to remain a few weeks.

THE GOODDARD CASE

Young Man From Fayetteville Locked Up in Georgia on Charge.

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 21.—Charles Gooddard, of Fayetteville, N. C., who was arrested here last week, was today bound over to Ware Superior Court on the charge of fornication and adultery, the other party being Mrs. M. D. Bailey, Jr., of Winston-Salem, N. C. The woman was also jailed awaiting trial on the same charge. Mr. Bailey says of the matter:

"I married her May 5th this year at Baltimore, when not in a condition to know what I was doing. Proceedings for annulment were started and would have come up at the December term of Forsyth county court at Winston. Had Gooddard not caused the matter to be held up by a fight for alimony. His attorneys made a proposition of settling for \$1,000 cash, which I promptly refused. He then got hold, sending word by a negro that unless I sent the money immediately he would make public the entire matter. The negro reported on his return that the woman frequently asked Gooddard to desist from suit, but he insisted on getting some monetary consideration. I do not know whether I shall institute proceedings for blackmail but I have the matter under advisement."

Gooddard registered at the Waycross Hotel with the woman as his wife and denied the charges preferred against him by Bailey by wire from Winston.

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

Stores Crowded With Shoppers Yesterday—Visitors in City.

The Christmas shopping which has been on in earnest since Monday morning, finds the many stores which keep open until late hours to accommodate the holiday trade, continually crowded with purchasers. The heavy rain yesterday afternoon, was rather a hindrance to those who contemplated afternoon shopping trips, but with more favorable weather conditions last night, the stores again took on the crowded aspect indicative of the approach of Christmas. The motto advanced by the merchants a few weeks ahead of time "to do shopping early" has been unheeded, as usual, by the hundreds. A number of the stores have been most appropriately and prettily decorated and have received much favorable comment. The rush of the purchasers will continue until the stores are closed at midnight Thursday.

The large number of visitors, particularly the country people, and others from neighboring towns, were noticeable on the streets yesterday. The farmers stocked the market with their products, as is usual a few days in advance of Christmas, and it is understood from various sources they have found ready buyers.

IMMANUEL KINDERGARTEN.

Delightful Exercises From 4 to 6 Yesterday Afternoon.

The Kindergarten taught by Misses Bonitz and Savage at Immanuel Presbyterian Church closed its term for the holidays with most interesting exercises by the little folks from 4 to 6 o'clock yesterday evening. A large number of friends and patrons were in attendance and the pupils gave a most creditable rendition of a programme of recitations, dialogues, songs, etc., exhibiting splendid training. There are about 50 little folks in the kindergarten and each of them received some pleasant little remembrance for the holidays. Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the church, made a brief address and Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church, led the closing prayer.

DIES AT POLKTON.

Mrs. D. L. Blue Passed Away Monday Evening—Remains to Clarkton.
Polkton, Dec. 22.—Mrs. D. L. Blue, of Clarkton, died at the home of her brother, Mr. J. E. Carter, in Polkton, Monday evening. Mrs. Blue was a daughter of the late S. S. Carter and formerly lived in Polkton, having married Mr. Blue about ten years ago. Mrs. Blue was a sister of Mr. Robert Carter of New York; Mr. Will Carter, of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. Henry Carter of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. Carrie Clark, of Clarkton. She was a consecrated Christian lady and a member of the Methodist church. The burial will be at Clarkton today.

Simmons on Serious Charge.
A case of some importance was investigated at the session of the police court yesterday noon, the defendant Richard Simmons, a negro boy about 16 years old, being charged with an attempt to commit highway robbery. The alleged attempt was on Ann street several nights ago, when the negro made a bold effort to rob a lady, who was passing that way alone shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening. Mayor Springer placed the defendant under a \$100 bond and in default he was committed to the county jail to await trial in the higher court.

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The Theatre

The Demorest Company presented at the Academy last night "The Ku Klux Klan," a play of the type of Tom Dixon's "Clansman," though possessing none of the uglier scenes. The cast did good work, while the vaudeville features between acts were very clever. The company is especially strong in the vaudeville line, thus really giving two performances for one. Tonight the company is to be seen in one of the finest successes, "Beyond the Rockies," and in connection will be presented a new and large vaudeville bill. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, are prevailing and seats for tonight are now on sale at Plummer's. Christmas afternoon a special matinee will be given by the company. As a special holiday feature of the productions tonight and tomorrow night a fine turkey will be given away each evening according to the plan as will be explained from the stage. On Christmas a big gift matinee has been arranged for during which all the little folks in attendance will receive something.

Crystal Palace.

The bill this week has succeeded in amusing many in spite of the big opposition of bad weather and Christmas shopping. The bill is a clever one and besides the regular professional talent from away included Mr. Henry W. Angel, Wilmington's well known comedian, who has now made vaudeville his profession and goes on tour from here. He is appearing in a laughable and artistic blackface act that calls forth much applause. Tomorrow night the Palace will give away two big turkeys but a person attending any performance this afternoon or tonight may be one of the lucky ones.

Two Original Comedies.

The Bijou will present this afternoon and evening two original comedies, "Hired-Tired-Fired," being the story of an exceedingly lazy man who finally winds up on the police force, and "Never Again," being the experience of a man who goes to Coney Island to "cool off" and encounters all sorts of ludicrous experiences. Both are Essanay films and the two run something like a thousand feet, giving more than half an hour's pleasant entertainment for the small sum of five cents.

PRETTY ENTERTAINMENT.

Final Arrangements For Happy Event of Clarendon Lodge.

The entertainment of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, at Castle Hall tomorrow night, Christmas Eve, arrangements for which were completed yesterday, promises to be one of the prettiest and most pleasant affairs of the Christmas holidays. A Christmas tree which will be beautifully decorated has been arranged for this occasion and arrangements have been made to entertain the families of members, and especially those of deceased members.

No invitations have been issued, but preparations have been made and the entertainment will begin at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Christmas Fireworks.

Chief of Police N. J. Williams prints in another column of today's paper the ordinance governing the use of fireworks in the city during the Christmas holidays. Certain restrictions are placed about the explosion of fireworks on Christmas eve and Christmas day and night, which the officers have been instructed to see are rigidly enforced.

WARM WIRELETS.

A telegram from St. Pierre, Miq., states that the French bark Artere, which left France November 8th, with a consignment of salt for the firm of Gaston Menier, has probably been lost with her crew and 17 men.

James H. LaCoste, business manager of the News and Courier of Charleston, died early yesterday. He had been connected with the News and Courier for thirty years. He was fifty years of age.

In a blinding snow storm at Nutley, N. Y., last night an automobile containing four young men smashed into the rear of a truck and turned turtle. Dayton Meeker, of Irvington, was killed. The others in the machine were not seriously injured.

The case of W. B. Samuels, charged with the murder of Sheriff W. M. Plannagan, of Draper, N. C., in Danville, Va., on October 24th was given to the jury late yesterday afternoon. No verdict had been reached late last night.

By the giving way of the false work under a county bridge being erected over the Cheat river, at Point Marion, Md., yesterday, John Gallagher, aged 22, an iron worker, of Vincent, Ohio, was killed, Morris Thorpe, of Pittsburgh, had his leg crushed, and Clinton Carr, of Frankfort, Ky., suffered a mangled arm.

Impulsive legislation was decreed and the blessings of intelligent moderation in the conduct of public affairs dwelt upon by former Governor Frank Slack, of New York, who delivered the principal address of the evening at the dinner of the New England Society of New York, at the Waldorf-Astoria last night.

Official announcement was made by the Norfolk and Western Railway yesterday at Roanoke, Va., that N. M. Osborne has been appointed resident assistant to the president at Norfolk. This is a new office. E. M. Graham has been appointed general agent and superintendent of terminals at Norfolk, succeeding the late Major E. I. Dubarry.

NOTICE.

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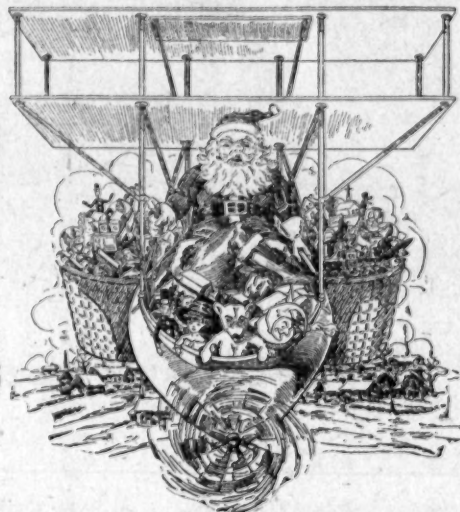
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WARM WIRELETS.

A Manchester, England, paper states that J. P. Morgan paid \$120,000 for the 15 Caxtons, part of the famous library of Lord Arberst, of Hackney, recently disposed of at public sale.

Right Rev. John Stephen Michaels, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Burlington, Vt., died at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday of Bright's disease, aged 65 years.

Last night Norfolk was fast falling into the grasp of a severe northeaster. The wind at the Cape had reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour, with alternating rain and snow. There was considerable apprehension among shippers.

At the Navy Yard yesterday it was reported that the U. S. S. Montana will not return to the Roads following her short trial trips, but will proceed South under full speed to join the U. S. S. North Carolina and proceed to Venezuela to join the Maine.

After forty years of railroad service, eight of which was spent as head of the great New York Central system, William H. Newman has tendered his resignation as president of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

In the Federal Court yesterday Judge Waddill refused to order the sale of the Hampton Gas Plant as asked by bondholders. The property is in the hands of receivers, the former owning corporation, the Public Service Corporation, of Virginia, being insolvent.

Judge Waddill, of the Federal Court, announced yesterday that he would today take up the report of Special Master R. M. Hughes, relative to the issuance of \$1,000,000 in receiver's certificates for the improvement of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad now in the hands of the court.

The British steamer Irada, captain Roberts, from Galveston, Dec. 5th, for Liverpool, is a total wreck on the southwest point of Mizen Head, Ireland. Captain Roberts, a stewardess and four men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, 65 men, saved themselves by climbing the face of the cliffs. The steamer was driven ashore by heavy weather during a dense fog. She was loaded with cotton.

H. A. Gudger, of North Carolina, will be appointed by President Roosevelt to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Panama Canal Zone for a term of six years to succeed Dr. F. Mutis Duran, whose term expires on January 1. It is understood that Secretary Wright has recommended to the President this appointment. Mr. Gudger is an Associate Justice of the Canal Zone Supreme court.

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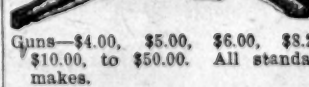
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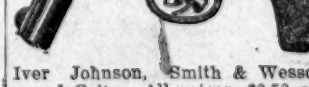
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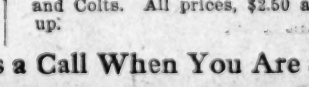
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NEW YORK THEATRE FIRE

Performance at Herald Square Was Brought to Abrupt Close—Crowd Surged Into Snow Storm. No Knowledge.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 22.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square Theatre at 35th street and Broadway tonight, ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, had driven the actors and chorus into the streets, in their scant costumes and had caused great commotion among the theatre crowds on Broadway.

There was no panic and no one injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the executive offices which are opposite the second gallery of the auditorium.

The actors cut the play short on being told of the fire and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

The big crowd moved slowly out. Most of them soon reached the streets but some remained behind waiting for their wraps to be taken from the coat room. As the flames began to gain headway the theatre employees urged the tardy ones to hurry and told them there was a fire in the theatre. Some left without waiting for their wraps and braved the driving snow storm in their evening clothes.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving thought to their scant and unconventional attire.

With the temperature hovering around the twenties and a fierce wind driving the falling snow into their faces the chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover at the Marlborough Hotel, a block further up Broadway, where they were made comfortable.

Probably \$50,000 damage was done to the theatre. A saloon and cigar store next door were practically destroyed.

COOPERS ASK FOR BAIL

Hearing of Petition of Defendants Before Judge Hart Not Concluded.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—In the criminal court here today hearing was not concluded on the petition for bail on behalf of Colonel D. B. Cooper, his son, Robin Cooper, and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack. All of the witnesses examined were State's witnesses.

The examination was not begun until Judge Hart had heard argument and passed on the contention of the State that the defendants had forfeited their rights to bail in waiving an examination before a magistrate, and in not seeking bail at that time. The court ruled that a prisoner could not at any time forfeit his right to apply for bail.

A few more witnesses are to be examined tomorrow and it is thought argument on the application will be begun early in the afternoon.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done me more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

BRYAN LECTURES AT ALTOONA.

Was Particularly Amused at Carnegie's Testimony.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Altoona, Pa., Dec. 22.—William J. Bryan delivered his lecture "The Prince of Peace" in the High School auditorium this evening. Afterwards he was entertained by the University Club. Mr. Bryan said he was interested in Mr. Carnegie's testimony before the Congressional Ways and Means Committee and was particularly amused at the new phase he used in describing Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, as "a Pawky Chiel," of a person who will bear watching. Mr. Bryan said pleasantly that there are a number of other prominent people besides Judge Gary that will bear watching.

WARM WIRELETS.

At Bluefield, W. Va., yesterday the coroner's jury investigating the death of Charles Kreicar, the man whose body was found Sunday hanging from a tree near Bluefield, returned a verdict that death was due to strangulation by Kreicar's own hand. Kreicar was traveling with his family from Esterhazy, Canada, to Petersburg, Va., and left the train at Bluefield to buy lunch.

The Secretary of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, Costa Rica, has forwarded to the Salvadoran government the verdict of the court in the suit brought by Honduras against Salvador and Guatemala, charging them with promoting the recent revolt in Honduras. The verdict is favorable to Guatemala and Salvador on all points and constitutes a vindication of the government of Salvador.

The Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has decided the authorization of an issue of \$30,000,000 general funding and improvement mortgage bonds. The purpose of the issue is to fund the \$7,500,000 6 per cent. notes of the company which will be called for payment on January 1st next, and to provide funds to meet a portion of the heavy annual requirements heretofore substantially met out of earnings, on account of equipment previously purchased, as well as for future.

A Curious Army Toast.

Of all the British regiments the Welsh fusiliers have the most curious army toast. It forms part of the ceremony of the grand dinner given annually on St. David's day. After the dinner the drum major, accompanied by the goat, the mascot of the fusiliers, bedecked with rosettes of red and blue ribbon, marches around the table, carrying a plate of leeks. Every officer or guest who has never eaten one before is obliged to do so, standing on his chair with one foot on the table, while the drummers beat a roll behind his chair. He is then considered a true Welshman. All the toasts are coupled with the name of St. David. It is in much this way that the toast with highland bonors is drunk. Each guest stands with one foot on his chair and one on the table, and the pipers, a pip-lag, parade the room.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

New Gold.

For the convenience of our depositors and friends who wish to make their Christmas presents in money, we have ordered out from the Treasury Department a limited number of gold coins in denominations of \$2.50, \$5 and \$10. Crisp, new currency always on hand. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

THE PILLORY.

Titus Oates and Daniel Defoe Both Suffered in It.

In the year 1837 the British parliament passed an act that put an end to punishment by pillory. Previous to the conquest this particular instrument of correction was in use in England and went by the name of the "stretch neck." It consisted of a wooden frame erected on a stool in which were three holes for the head and arms. For days together offenders against the common law were thus exposed to public view. From historic accounts it appears that this particular form of punishment was meted out to those convicted of frauds of every description not only in England, but in nearly every country in Europe. In the days of the star chamber, when religious feeling ran high, the pillory was the ordinary punishment meted out to those who offended against the church. In 1685 Titus Oates was sentenced to be pilloried for five days in every year during the rest of his life. Another famous sufferer was Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," who stood for three days in the pillory in Chesham. It happened on occasions that the offender died while undergoing his sentence. During the time of exposure the condemned man was not allowed to receive food of any sort or description. The last occasion on which a pillory sentence was passed was in 1814.—London Globe.

Where They Forgot.

"Once, in the rooms of the Fabian society, overlooking the fresh green slopes of the Law Court gardens in London, I heard George Bernard Shaw express his thoughts about English public schools," said a Chicago editor. "He attacked these schools. He said you learned nothing in them. He told of a young peer to whom a certain master at Eton said:

"I am ashamed of you, unable to work out so simple a problem! Your younger brother did it correctly an hour ago."

"I am sorry, sir," the boy replied, "but you must remember that my brother hasn't been at Eton as long as I have."—Washington Star.

Got Full Weight.

"Sir," says the aggrieved customer, approaching the bookseller, "I have called to express my opinion of your business methods."

"What is wrong?" deferentially asked the bookseller.

"I bought a set of Shakespeare from you last year. It weighed fourteen pounds. Yesterday I ordered a duplicate set for my son's library, and it only weighs thirteen pounds and nine ounces. I'd have you understand, sir, that there is a city ordinance against short weights."

Thoroughly humbled, the bookseller made up the shortage with seven ounces of miscellany.—Exchange.

Anxious For More.

An expert golfer had the misfortune to play a particularly vigorous stroke at the moment that a seedy wayfarer skulked across the edge of the course. The ball struck the trespasser and rendered him briefly insensible. When he recovered a five dollar bill was pressed into his hand by the grateful golfer. "Thanky, sir," said the injured man after a kindling glance at the money, "an' when will you be playin' again, sir?"—Argonaut.

The Snake Bite.

"So Wild Bill died of a snake bite? What did he get bit?"

"Oh, th' snake didn't bite Bill. Th' snake bit Tough Tompkins, an' Tompkins drank two quarts of th' remedy an' then shot Bill."—Judge's Library.

Mark Twain Caught Out.

A poet, a pair of trousers across his knee, sat in his attic trying to thread a needle.

"The proper way," he said, "is to hold the thread still and push the needle toward it or to hold the needle still and push the thread toward it. Mark Twain says both ways are right. Then he says they are both wrong."

Taking down "The Prince and the Pauper," the poet read:

"He did as men have always done and probably always will do to the end of time—held the needle still and tried to thrust the thread through the eye, which is the opposite of a woman's way."

Then the poet, taking down "Huckleberry Finn," read:

"Bless you, child, when you set out to thread a needle don't hold the thread still and fetch the needle up to it. Hold the needle still and poke the thread at it. That's the way a woman most always does, but a man always does t'other way."

Who Would Want to Be a Lama?

The lama pilgrims among the Tibetan Hindus, who pursue their mountain pilgrimages, literally measure off the distance with their bodies. The distinguished traveler Sven Hedin, writing of his discoveries in Tibet in Harper's Magazine, describes them as lying down full length on the ground, making a mark on the road, rising and stepping forward to the mark, once more to fall full length. One such walking journey as this, says Dr. Hedin, equals thirty ordinary ones. Among the lamas also are to be found those who immerse themselves in a dark cave for life, food being passed in through a passage or hole underground. Should the dish be one day untouched those outside may know that the sacrificial prisoner has died—seated, since all good lamas must die seated, in the wooden frame which was fashioned for him when he was entombed.

Useless.

There was some speculation as to whether the instrument would benefit the old gentleman or not. One was holding the ear trumpet, while another was explaining its use and showing old Mr. Borrowers how to hold it to his ear.

"Say something to him through it, Joe," said one to the other.

Now, Joe had long waited for an opportunity to reach Mr. Borrowers' ear. So, speaking very distinctly into the trumpet, he said:

"You've not paid me that sovereign you owe me yet, Mr. Borrowers."

But the old gentleman put the instrument down, with disappointment on his face, and they could see it was a failure even before he had time to say:

"That thing's not a bit of good to me!"

And he sighed, but his sigh was not so deep as that which came from Joe.—London Express.

Talking Down.

The superintendent of a Sunday school class in Philadelphia recently called upon a visitor to "say a few words" to the class, the members of which are mostly children of tender age.

The visitor, a speaker well known for his verbose and circumlocutory mode of speech, began his address as follows:

"This morning, children, I purpose to offer you an epitome of the life of St. Paul. It may be perhaps that there are among you some too young to grasp the meaning of the word 'epitome.' 'Epitome,' children, is in its signification synonymous with synopsis."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Saw For Himself.

A man carrying a looking glass said to a newsboy, "Come here and look into this glass and you will see a donkey."

"How did you find that out?" retorted the boy.—London Express.

Opposites Often Wed.

"Miss, you are a hothead. Nobody will ever care to marry a hothead."

"Don't worry, mother. I'll find some nice, girlish boy."—Kansas City Journal.

Externally.

The Doctor—You understand, don't you, that this is only to be used externally? The Patient's Wife—Sure, sir, I allus makes him get out o' bed to drink t'—London Scraps.

It is better to hope and to work than to grumble and quarrel and shirk.—Baltimore American.

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The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence, for Advertisements for our Business Local Department. Phone the Star office, No. 51.

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LOST—Monday night, a lady's hunting case gold watch with chain attached. Initials "P. C." engraved on watch. Reward if left at this office. de 23-1*

TWO YOUNG GENTLEMEN, or a man and wife can secure room and board by addressing "X. Z." care of Star. de 23-2*

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harris, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

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CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest winter. Price one to four thousand \$1.50, four to nine thousand \$1.25, over nine thousand \$1 per thousand P. O. B. Meggetta, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetta, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

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DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

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MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf

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FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf

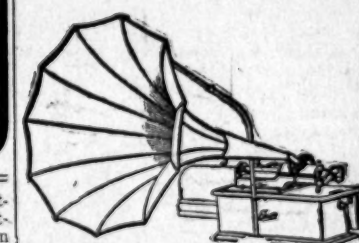
FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

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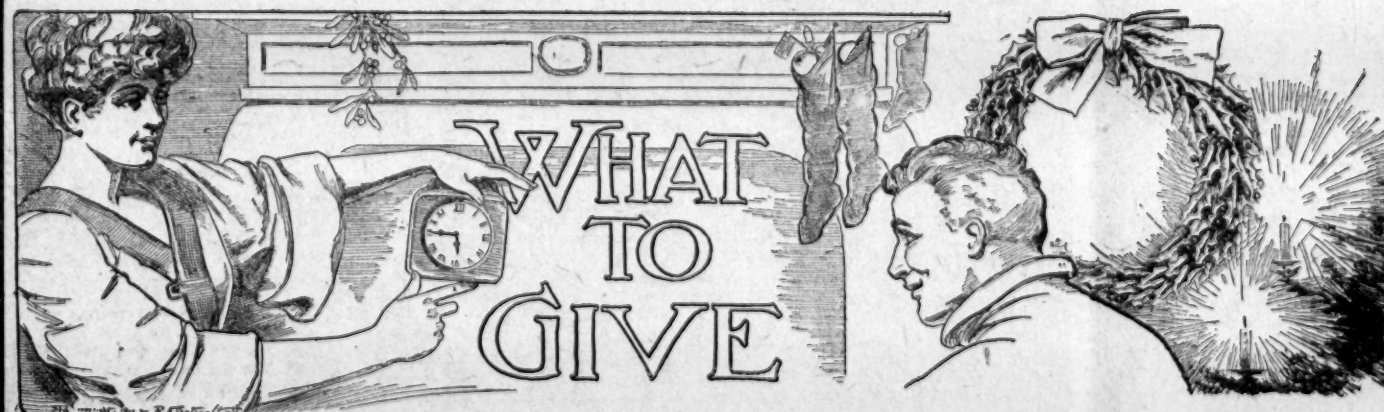
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We have searched the novelty markets of the North, and brought here for you suitable things for Christmas presents. Many believe in making a long profit on short-lived goods. We believe in making a short profit that will move holiday goods fast. Our stock not only contains novelties, but useful things for presents for women, men and little folks. Our counters are ablaze with things suitable for presents.

COQUE FEATHER SCARF.

A Northern manufacturer sent us by express to dispose of 100 assorted Feather Scarfs in black, navy, brown, light blue and pink. \$6.00 Scarfs, full length, only.....\$2.98
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Fur Neck Scarfs and Muff, per set from \$3.00 to\$90.00
Our Carpet Department will display many useful Christmas presents, such as Lace Curtains, Portieres, Shirt Waist Boxes, Table and Couch Covers, Art Squares, Rugs, Screens and Fancy Pillows.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Our entire stock of toys have been moved on the main floor where you will find a well selected stock of toys for the children. Ample help has been employed to wait on you promptly.
For Gentlemen you will find a well selected stock of Silk Umbrellas, Hosiery, Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shaving Sets, Combs and Brushes, Etc.
For Young Ladies we are showing Gold and Silver Jewel Boxes, Pen Trays, Shell and Amber Side and Neck Combs, Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, and a thousand other useful articles. Come and see them.

Our store will be open evenings during Christmas week. We advise shopping early to avoid the rush later on and to get a selection while stocks are still unbroken.

—THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

Durham Herald: Greensboro had three capital cases in the present term of court, charges outstanding against her county officials of wrongdoing, one of her prominent citizens indicted by a Federal grand jury for wrecking a bank, and yet she has been sympathizing with Durham because of her criminal record.

Asheville Citizen, 20th: Rev. D. A. Cunningham, D. D., LL. D., of Wheeling, W. Va., aged 85 years, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of his niece, Mrs. Edward Landis, in Waynesville. Dr. Cunningham has been for the past 32 years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Wheeling. Mrs. S. D. Pelham, Dr. J. A. Sinclair, of this city, are his nieces and nephews. Colonel P. J. Sinclair, of Marion, is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

Asheville Gazette-News: "A forest fire on the mountains west of Brevard has been burning in sight of town most of this week. Our climate is so dry this winter that this woods fire has burned night and day and the damage done to standing timber is incalculable. When will our people learn that the preservation of our forests is best for all?" queries The Sylvan Valley News. It is a slow process, a lesson learned with difficulty; a costly lesson—but they are learning.

Statesville Landmark: It is needless to say that many people were on hand Tuesday when a lot of selected spirits was offered for sale at auction from the south porch of the Wallace herbarium. Deputy Collector Davis and Auctioneer J. W. C. Long are never embarrassed by a small attendance when an event of this kind is pulled off. It is one event that the newspapers advertise free, for the crowd will find out and be there anyhow and it would be a shame to take money for advertising it. It is best to let the public know, so that no one will be left out.

Statesville Landmark: Sam Carlton, colored, wanted here to answer the charge of burning Will McLeeland's barn about eight months ago, has been arrested in Chicago, Ill., and Sheriff J. M. Deaton left Wednesday night for Chicago to bring him back to Statesville. The first information regarding the arrest of Carlton was the following message from Chicago received by Sheriff Deaton Tuesday afternoon: "In custody, Sam Carlton. Is he wanted by you for bond forfeiture, charge arson? See clerk of Superior Court and wire reply." (Signed) "P. D. O'Brien, captain, Detective Bureau."

Under the sasharic delights of a lovely Sabbath sun, a score and ten gamblers went forth to crap. By Irwin creek's shadowed bank, there they sat down, yea, there they upstripped themselves of pistols and razors, cards and dice, in preparation for a glorious afternoon of game. But, lo, the coppers came and where there had been mirth, there was lamentations, and where there had been expectancy, there was disappointment and where there had been fields of freedom, there was captivity. By the weeping willows that swayed gently under the bracing breezes, they bade farewell to hope and to all purposes of the occasion.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Forsyth Law and Order League just organized, decided to ask the legislature to pass a bill providing for the establishment of a medical depository in this city for the sale of spirituous liquors only upon prescription of licensed physicians. The bill will be similar to the law in Union county, except the manager of the depository will receive a salary instead a commission. The board of aldermen will be asked to select one drug store to sell liquors until the bill is passed. The league will petition the aldermen not to license any nearby saloons.

Statesville Landmark: At their home in Shiloh township last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage, the feature of the occasion being the gathering together of about 35 children, grand children and great grand children of the aged couple. Mr. and Mrs. Harris seemed to greatly enjoy having all of their offspring with them and the event will help to brighten the remainder of their lives. Mr. Harris is 89 years old and Mrs. Harris is 85. Both are very active for their age and are still in possession of all their faculties. They have lived in the same neighborhood ever since they were married.

Salisbury Post: The matter of the sale of the Iola mine in Montgomery county, which was heard before James H. Horah, Esq., referee, on Thursday, is assuming important proportions not anticipated before that hearing, at which Captain Milton Jones is also receiver and yesterday when he appeared before Judge Boyd in Federal court in Charlotte and recommended the sale of the mine for \$50,000, the highest bid received, there was instant objection to its acceptance by a number of creditors of the mine company on the ground that there would be nothing left for the unsecured creditors. Judge Boyd made an order leaving the sale open until the 28th and in the meantime prospective bidders will be allowed the privilege of increasing the offer made for the property.

Christmas Presents.

Have you opened an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister or Child as a Christmas present? The Pass Book you receive will make a practical gift, you can open an account from twenty-five cents up.

Read Star Business Locals.

TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION!

Geo. O. Gaylord's Big Stores

are distributing Toys of every kind in great abundance to old Santa Claus. The Christmas shopping has begun in earnest and we are trying hard to please everyone. In the great selection of goods we are showing, you are most sure to find what you want. Our stock is not broken, every department is replenished every day from our Wholesale Department. We own this great immense stock of goods, bought direct from the manufacturer, and we can, and we do sell cheaper than the others. It is up to us to prove it, and I am glad of the opportunity to do so. We have an assortment of all kinds of wagons, both wood and iron from the small steel wagon at 10c up to a large farm wagon at \$7.50 each. We have goat harness at \$1.75, and Goat Sulkies for \$2.50, extra shafts for \$1.00 a set. Doll carriages, the new collapsible kind, which fold up, for \$2.50. Wood and Reed Carriages from 25c to \$4.50. We just received a nice line of Children's Carriages for the real live baby, the kind that has rubber tires, folding tops, collapsible frame, the Carriage that you can't get elsewhere for \$12.50, our special Christmas price \$7.50 and \$8.50 each.

In Doll Babies for the home Christmas tree or Sunday Schools, sold exclusively at wholesale prices in all kinds and styles from 1c each to \$7.50 each. Our line of 10c dolls are 15 inches tall with bisque heads with hair and teeth and movable limbs, a doll that is worth 25c you can buy from us at 10c each.

Ladies Cloaks—We have just bought a large assortment of new samples at half price. A \$7.00 Cloak sold for \$3.98; \$5.00 Cloak for \$2.69; a \$10.00 Cloak for \$5.00. A big reduction in Cloaks all through the line. Remember we have hundreds of cloaks to sell and the price is no object. A beautiful assortment of Bear skin Cloaks just received today for the children. Listen for the Christmas chimes and be ready on time, and let us help you out in getting together the assortment of presents that you want. Remember, the store that has fifty clerks and each one is anxious to please you.

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is that of the man watching another take a drink of our Li-
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Southern Distilling Company

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Phone 248.

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This bank is prepared to furnish Gold and New Currency to those wishing to use at Christmas.

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dec 22 tf

FOR SALE

- 1 Liddell No. 44, 30-H. P. Boiler.
- 1 Liddell-Tompkins, 10x12 Engine.
- 1 Cut-Off Saw.
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Palace Market

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THE MONTH OF GIFTS

What shall I give for Christmas?

Every article in our holiday stock is an answer. Suits, Hats, Shirts, Caps, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Grips, Fancy Vests, Gloves and Ties are all appropriate gifts and will be appreciated.

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The Hatter and Clothier

24 NORTH FRONT STREET.
dec 20 tf



The Christmas Season

is at hand and Gifts for all must be provided.

Do you know of any gift to the family or friend which would be appreciated as much as one of our Bank Books with a few dollars to their credit?

Make the deposit today while this suggestion is fresh in your mind. 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly will start Jan. 1st.

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ACCOUNT

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 45 No. 29.
Lv. Wilm'tn... 4:45 A. M. 3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb'tn... 7:11 A. M. 5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton... 7:52 A. M. 6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet... 8:45 A. M. 7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet... 9:05 A. M. 8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe... 10:50 A. M. 10:20 P. M.
Ar. Charlotte... 11:35 A. M. 11:30 P. M.
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Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.
The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.		No. 48.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm	
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:53 pm	
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm	
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm	
Ar. Norfolk	5:55 pm		
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am	
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am	
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am	
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am	
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm	
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm	

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 41.	No. 48.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:35 pm	
Ar. Philadelphia	11:47 am	12:15 pm	
Ar. Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 pm	
Ar. Washington	3:45 pm	4:30 pm	
Lv. Norfolk	5:45 pm	8:25 am	
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am	
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am	
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am	
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm	
Ar. Goldsboro	11:47 pm	1:58 pm	
Ar. Wilson	6:15 am	2:00 pm	
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm	

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW YORK.

SOUTHBOUND.		Daily.
Lv. Wilm'tn	5:15 am	8:30 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm
Ar. Ch'stn	1:10 pm	11:15 pm
Ar. Sa'n	6:20 pm	2:10 am
Ar. Jk'ville	7:15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa	6:25 pm	12:15 pm

NORTHBOUND.

Daily.		Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	6:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW YORK.

Westbound. Eastbound.		Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 8:30 pm

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Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:15 am	

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In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:40, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:40, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:55 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:55, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:25, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 6:00, 6:05, 7:00, 7:05, 8:30, 9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
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*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 37c.
ROBIN—Market, steady \$2.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.
TAR—Market, firm \$1.60.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm \$1.75 per barrel for hard; \$2.75 for dip and \$2.75 for virgin.
 Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 40 3/4; rosin quiet \$2.60; tar nothing doing; crude turpentine firm \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 4
 Rosin 67
 Tar 607
 Crude Turpentine 57
 Receipts—Same day last year, Casks spirits turpentine; 148 barrels rosin; 68 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 5-16 cents for middling.
 Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16 cents.
 Receipts—3,655 bales, same day last year 4,214 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 22nd.)
PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 66¢; extra prime, 75¢; fancy, 80¢; Virginia, prime 60¢; extra prime 70¢; Spanish, 75¢; 80¢.
CORN—Firm, 97 1/2¢ per bushel for white; 92 1/2¢ for mixed.
N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17¢; shoulders 11¢ 12¢; sides 12 1/2¢.
EGGS—Dull at 25¢ per dozen.
CHICKENS—Dull at 15¢ 35¢ for large springs; grown, dull, 35¢.
BEEFWAX—Firm at 26¢.
TALLOW—Firm at 5¢ per pound.
BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1/2¢ per pound on foot.
HIDES—Dr. flint, 10¢; green, dull 7¢ per pound.
IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90¢ per bushel.
SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50¢ per bushel for yams.
WOOL—Free of burr, 15¢; burr wool 10 to 12¢.
TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13¢; 14 to 15¢ dressed. Dull demand.
CHEESE—Dull 50¢ per head; dressed 50¢.
PORK—Good demand 6 to 8¢; corn fed 8¢ for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 22.—The cotton market had quite a sharp rally today closing very steady at a net advance of 9 to 14 points. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales. The market opened steady at an advance of 2 points to a decline of one point which was about in line with the cables, and began to improve right after the call on covering and scattering support promoted by steadier late cables, reports of a bullish Egyptian crop estimate, the night estimate for tomorrow's receipts at Houston and talk of a better export demand in the South. Business did not become general, but the market was moderately active in a professional way during the noon hour and prices reached a net advance of 11 to 14 points. There was some irregularity during the last hour, but the close was within a point or two of the top. New Orleans wires reported spots very quiet, but Texas claimed that there was a better demand from Europe. Cables received from Vienna stated that Austrian and Bohemian spinners will reduce their running time 15 per cent., after the first of January.
 Receipts at the ports today were 76,523 bales against 101,959 last week and 94,356 last year; for the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 556,611 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 27,741 bales against 22,919 last year, and at Houston 20,142 bales against 28,289 last year.
 Spot cotton quiet; 10 points advance; middling uplands 9.25; middling Gulf 9.50; sales 1,700 bales. Futures opened steady and closed very steady.

Month	Open	Close
December	8.86	8.96
January	8.50	8.63
February	8.54	8.67
March	8.62	8.75
April	8.77	8.87
May	8.70	8.81
June	8.79	8.89
July	8.67	8.79
August	8.56	8.69
September	8.59	8.69
October	8.48	8.57

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Galveston—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 28,035; stock 270,790.
New Orleans—Steady, 8 11-16; net receipts 27,741; stock 286,904.
Mobile—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 2,626; stock 79,479.
Savannah—Firm, 8 5-16; net receipts 10,337; stock 163,449.
Charleston—Firm, 8 5-16; net receipts 506; stock 27,391.
Wilmington—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 3,655; stock 25,173.
Norfolk—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 2,249; stock 36,662.
Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; stock 29,911.
New York—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 1,130; stock 159,160.
Boston—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 2.
Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.50.
Brunswick—Stock 3,824.
Georgetown—Net receipts 240; stock 26,655.
 Total today at all ports, Net 76,523; Great Britain 55,803; France 900; Continent 846; stock 1,108,488.
 Consolidated, at all ports, Net 180,921; Great Britain 125,321; France 20,742; Continent 54,491.
 Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 5,871,442; Great Britain 1,701,215; France 601,579; Continent 1,793,303; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,953.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 20,142; stock 148,870.
Augusta—Quiet, 8 13-16; net receipts 2,135; stock 101,561.
Memphis—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 4,998; stock 175,561.
St. Louis—Dull, 9.00; net receipts 579; stock 37,125.
Cincinnati—Net receipts 831; stock 18,513.
Louisville—Firm, 9.00.
Little Rock—Steady 8 1-4; net receipts 2,784; stock 46,781.
 Total today—Net receipts 31,469; gross receipts 36,528; shipments 25,875; sales 3,336; stock 406,311.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot cotton dull prices three points lower. American middling fair 5.39; good middling 5.03; middling 4.55; low middling 4.05; good ordinary 4.14; ordinary 3.74. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 3,700 American. Receipts 40,000 including 32,500 American.
 Futures opened quiet and closed steady. December 4.70 1-2; December and January 4.68 1-2; January and February 4.60; February and March 4.76 1-2; March and April 4.67; April and May 4.67 1-2; May and June 4.68; June and July 4.68 1-2; July and August 4.68; August and September 4.62; September and October 4.38; October and November 4.54 1-2; November and December 4.52 1-2; December and January 4.52; January and February 4.52 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 22.—The cotton goods market was steadier during the day and more business was done on wide reaches. Spinners still hold yarns firm but some dealers are yet marking prices lower. Yarns commission houses are holding steady. A fair export trade is passing. Jobbers are quite active with small house trade.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 22.—There was some shrinkage of activity in the stock market today in connection with the recovery but the closing was very active and the tone buoyant at the top prices. The feature of the market was the circulation of rumors of proposed absorptions and combinations of railroad systems. Recent reports of the illness of E. H. Harriman had caused a sharp break in some lines, but a resumption of activity apparently was largely responsible for the reaction the day showed. There were numerous reports of merger projects that his busy mind had under consideration.
 Bonds were strong. Total sales, par value, were \$10,964,000. United States bonds, were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,246,900 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 22.—Money on call firm 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 per cent., ruling rate 3 1/2 per cent., closing bid 3 1/4, offered at 3 1/2. Time loans dull and rather easier. Sixty days and ninety days 3 1/2 per cent., six months 3 3/4 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.8705 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3/4 to 7-8. Bar silver 48 1/2. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg 103
 U. S. refunding 2s cou 104
 U. S. 3s reg 100 3/4
 U. S. 3s cou 100 3/4
 U. S. 4s reg 102 1/4
 U. S. 4s cou 121
 Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s 108 1/2
 Atlantic Coast Line 4s 96
 Baltimore & Ohio 4s 100 1/2
 L. & N. Unified 4s 101 1/4
 Seaboard Air Line 4s b 62 1/2
 Southern Railway 6s 109 1/4
 U. S. Steel 5s 102 3/8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper 79
 Amr. Car & Foundry 47 3/8
 Amr. Car & Foundry pfd 106 1/2
 Amr. Cotton Oil Co. 41 1/2
 Amr. Locomotive 55 3/4
 Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd 81 3/8
 American Sugar Refining 120 3/4
 Amr. Tobacco pfd 92
 Atchafalpa 97 1/4
 Atchafalpa pfd 101 5/8
 Atlantic Coast Line 106 1/4
 Baltimore & Ohio 109
 Baltimore & Ohio pfd 91 1/2
 Chesapeake & Ohio 58 1/2
 Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 147 3/8
 Colorado Southern 57 3/8
 Erie 32 5/8
 Erie 1st pfd 48 1/4
 Erie 2nd pfd 37 3/4
 Great Northern pfd 158 1/2
 Kansas City Southern 38 1/2
 Kansas City Southern pfd 68 1/2
 L. & N. 121 1/4
 Norfolk & Western 84 3/4
 Northern Pacific 140
 Pennsylvania 129 3/4
 People's Gas 101 3/4
 Reading 138 5/8
 Rock Island Co. pfd 59 3/8
 Southern Pacific 118 7/8
 Southern Pacific pfd 121 7/8
 Southern Railway 25 3/8
 Southern Railway pfd 59 1/4
 Standard Oil Co. 68 1/2
 Union Pacific 179 5/8
 U. S. Steel 53 1/4
 U. S. Steel pfd 111 3/8
 Va-Car. Chemical 42
 Va-Car. Chemical pfd 113
 Western Union ex div 65 1/4
 Westinghouse Electric Co. 84 1/2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 22.—Flour dull and about steady.
 Wheat—Firm; No. 2 1.07 1-8 to 1.08 5-8 elevator. Options 578 to 78c net higher. December 1.09 7-16 to 1.10 3-4; July 1.04 1-2.
 Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 64 1-2 to arrive elevator. Options closed net unchanged December 65¢; May 67 3-8; July 67 3-8; September 67 3-8.
 Oats—Quiet; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.
 Lard—Easy.

Pork—Steady.
Tallow—Steady.
Rice and Molasses—Firm.
Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3.20 to 3.23.
Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed barely steady at 5 points net decline.
Butter—Steady.
Cheese—Unchanged.
Eggs—Firm.
Peanuts and Freights—Unchanged.
Potatoes—Barely steady, unchanged.
Cabbages—Unchanged.
Cotton Seed Oil was 2¢m on light offerings and speculative bull support. Trade quiet. Prime crude 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 38 to 38 3-4; off summer yellow 37 to 38; good off summer yellow 37 to 38 1-4; prime white 39 to 41 1-2; prime winter yellow 44 to 47.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 Chicago, Dec. 22.—Small receipts in the northwest caused strength in the wheat market here today, final quotations showing net gains of 3-8c. Corn and oats also closed firm and provisions steady.

	Opening	Highest	Closing
Wheat			
Dec. 1 00 7-8	1 01 5-8	1 01 5-8	
May 1 05 7-8	1 06 3-8	1 06 1-8	
July 97 3-4	98 1-4	98	
Corn			
Dec. 56 5-8	57 3-8	57 1-8	
May 60 3-4	60 7-8	60 3-4	
July 60 7-8	60 7-8	60 5-8	
Oats			
Dec. 49 1-2	49 1-2	49 1-4	
May 51 1-2	52 5-8	51 1-2	
July 46 1-4	46 3-8	46 3-8	
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan. 15 97 1-2	16 07 1-2	15 95	
May 16 32 1-2	16 37 1-2	16 25	
Lard, per 100 lb.			
Jan. 9 35	9 35	9 30	
May 9 57 1-2	9 57 1-2	9 52 1-2	
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan. 8 27 1-2	8 27 1-2	8 27 1-2	
May 8 60	8 65	8 57 1-2	

Cash quotations were as follows:
 Flour was quiet and steady; No. 2 spring wheat 1.05 to 1.07; No. 3 98 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.02 3-4 to 1.03 3-8; No. 2 corn 57 to 1-4; No. 2 yellow 57 to 57 1-4; oats, No. 2 white 50 1-2; No. 3 white 48 to 50; No. 2 rye 74 to 1-2; good feeding barley 58; fair to choice malling 59 to 63; No. 1 northwestern 1.48; prime timothy seed 3.80; clover contract grades 9.15; short ribs, sides (loose) 7.75 to 8.25; mess pork, per bbl. 14.62 1-2 to 14.75; lard, per 100 lbs. 9.30; short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.62 1-2.

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 Str. Navahoe, Hale, Georgetown, S. C. H. G. Smallbones.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.
 Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1908.
 C. C. Railroad—36 bales cotton, 32 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.
 W. & W. Railroad—472 bales cotton, 31 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.
 W. C. & A. Railroad—2,972 bales cotton, 57 barrels tar, 26 barrels crude turpentine.
 A. & Y. Railroad—76 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 88 barrels tar.
 Str. Alice—72 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.
 Str. City of Fayetteville—59 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 311 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.
 Str. Duplin—4 bales cotton.
 Schr. Addie May—16 bales cotton, 36 barrels rosin, 30 barrels tar.
 Schr. Chauncey D—20 bales cotton.
 Total—3,655 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 67 barrels rosin, 607 barrels tar, 57 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.
Steamers.
 Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Holmea, (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Erphia, (Ger.) 1,295 tons, Bellman, Heide & Co.
Schooners.
 Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.
 Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.
 Millie R. Bohannon, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.
 Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.
Barges.
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Had a Close Call.
 Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Faughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure. The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free.

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 For the convenience of our depositors and friends who wish to make their Christmas presents in money, we have ordered out from the Treasury Department a limited number of gold coins in denominations of \$2.50, \$5 and \$10. Crisp, new currency always on hand. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company. 3t

TOT SEES FATHER SUICIDE.

Fred Runion Kills Himself in an Asheville Hotel.
 (Charlotte Observer.)
 Asheville, Dec. 20.—Special Deputy Sheriff Fred Runion, of Madison, who was also a lumber inspector of that county, committed suicide at the Windsor Hotel here this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock by shooting himself through the left temple. There was apparently no cause for the rash act. Mr. and Mrs. Runion and their 2-year-old child came here yesterday en route to some place further South. They stopped at the Windsor, Runion giving instructions to be called this morning in time for the southbound train. He was called on time but, saying that he was feeling unwell, decided to remain over until this afternoon. He remained in his room with his wife and child the greater part of the morning, and shortly after 2 o'clock told Mrs. Runion, it is said, to go down and pay the bill, at the time telling the 2-year-old child to accompany its mother. The child, however, did not want to go and remained with its father. A short time before this the father had given the child a dollar.
 Mrs. Runion went out of the room and downstairs. She was not gone long and returning found her husband lying on the bed with a wound in the left temple, and the child standing beside the bed. Runion was dead. The weapon with which he took his life was still grasped in the right hand. There was powder burns on the temple and the hand that held the weapon.
 The officers were notified and Coroner Morris and Sheriff Hunter went to the scene. The coroner decided that it was a plain case of suicide and no inquest was held.
 Runion was a son of Jack Runion, of Madison county, and it is said was well-to-do. Relatives have been notified and will arrive early in the morning. The body was removed to a local undertaking establishment and prepared for burial.

NOTICE.
 All boys in contest for bicycle given away by J. M. Solky & Co., will please have their cards in by 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, December 24th. J. M. Solky & Co.

Report of the Condition of
 The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:
 Loans and Discounts \$ 957,110.34
 Overdrafts secured and unsecured 3,740.29
 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 200,000.00
 Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits 66,690.00
 Premiums on U. S. Bonds 4,550.35
 Bonds, securities, etc. 49,885.00
 Banking House, furniture and fixtures 5,000.00
 Other real estate owned None
 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) \$257,757.34
 Due from State Banks and Bankers 178,935.30
 Due from approved reserve agents 197,699.23
 Checks and other cash items 5,397.66
 Notes of other National Banks 6,900.00
 Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents 1,398.23
 Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:
 Specie \$26,000.00
 Legal tender notes 40,000.00
 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) 10,000.00
 Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. redemption fund 3,874.00
 Total \$2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:
 Capital Stock paid in \$ 200,000.00
 Surplus Fund 100,000.00
 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 33,032.35
 National Bank notes outstanding 200,000.00
 Due to other National Banks \$484,033.15
 Due to State Banks and Bankers 459,199.01
 Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks 68,657.99
 Individual deposits subject to check 413,918.91
 Certified checks 1,071.25
 Cashier's checks outstanding 5,075.08
 United States Deposits 50,000.00
 Bonds borrowed None
 Notes and bills rediscounted None
 Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed None
 Total \$2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:
 I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 C. N. EVANS,
 Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
 MATT J. HEYER,
 J. A. TAYLOR,
 ISADORE BEAR,
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 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.
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WITNESSES FEAR NIGHT RIDERS

Woman Tells Vivid Story and Asks Court to Provide Her With Armed Protection.

ACTIONS TREACHEROUS BAND

Another Confessed Night Rider Betrays Secrets of the Outlaws and Trembles With Fear While on the Stand.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the State witnesses, this afternoon in the night riders' trial was excused from the stand she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the riders, corroborating Fred Fehring's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least 27 members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother.

Russell Trembled With Fear.
The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider, who has turned State's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard, but says he fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions.

Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehring and corroborated in it every essential detail. Cross-examination was deferred until Wednesday morning.

Ordered Her to Burn Home.

Mrs. Jackson said the riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned and burned her father's house. She identified Garrett Johnson as the leader. The riders came back two nights later, she declared, forced her to go to her father's, hair clad, and said there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She said she recognized Garrett Johnson and several others. A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child because the latter had quarreled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father because he testified before the grand jury. On the last visit Garrett Johnson, said the witness, asked her if she had talked. She replied: "No Mr. Johnson, I have not."

"If you were a man" Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

Shaw Thrashed by Outlaws.

Judge Shaw, a witness, said the night riders were "mother hubbards" and black masks, tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the town at night. The riders caught him and threatened to kill him. Finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to undergo either, but if he had to make a choice he would prefer the whipping. He got it. Shaw amused the court by his quaint answers to questions of counsel. After the riders whipped him they told him to run.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reelfoot Lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved, he casually observed that he was still alive, but his home was burned.

Many Witnesses Examined.

Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders and there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Captain Rankin or his murderers. One witness, Mrs. Leonard, when asked how many there were in the band which visited her, said: "About 200, I reckon. The woods was full of 'em."

The purpose of the State is to show the reign of terror maintained in the Reelfoot Lake district by the riders and to prove that the murder of Captain Rankin was only an instance of a gigantic conspiracy.

The court announced that an adjournment would be taken Thursday until Saturday but on that day court would be in session only two hours. The prisoners were brought into court today handcuffed in pairs with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers with rifles halted at the court room door and other soldiers armed with revolvers met the prisoners at the threshold, and escorted them to the bar.

PLUNGED THROUGH SKYLIGHT

Wealthy Citizen of Roanoke Dies From Injuries.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 22.—D. L. Bowles owner of the Martinsville, Va., telephone exchange, and a wealthy and prominent citizen of that town, died there today from the effects of a fall received yesterday. He plunged through a skylight of a store house, his head striking a cement floor.

Regular Interest Period.
of the People's Savings Bank begins January 1st. If you deposit now with this bank you will receive your interest in Three Months.

THE ANNIS-HAINS CASE WOULD OVERTHROW NEW GOVERNMENT

Some Strong Testimony Corroborating the Widow of the Deceased. Disinterested Witnesses Testified Yesterday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Testimony of a character designed to corroborate the stories of the killing of William E. Annis which have been told in the trial of Thornton J. Hains was developed today from several of the prosecution's witnesses. District Attorney Darrin told Justice Crane when court adjourned that the State would probably take a week to complete its case.

William Knapp, a Bayside Yacht Club member, was given a rigorous cross examination after testifying that while sailing toward the dock after the impromptu boat race, he heard shooting and saw Mrs. Annis run down the runway.

"I saw her move across the float," continued Mr. Knapp. "Then she was stopped and she went back up the runway again. Some one took her by the arm at the runway. I could not see who stopped her because she was hid by the jib of Annis' boat."

Mrs. Helene Annis testified yesterday that Thornton Hains turned her back with a revolver when she ran across the float toward her wounded husband.

John C. Stephens, another fellow club member of Annis, caused a sensation when he testified that he heard the defendant say after the shooting: "I came to protect my brother and would have shot any body who interfered."

Lawyer McIntyre endeavored to shatter the testimony of Mr. Stephens, but his evidence remained unchanged when he left the stand.

Both the witnesses, Knapp and Stephens, asserted on the stand that there was a noticeable interval between the first and subsequent shots fired by Captain Hains at William E. Annis. Court adjourned until tomorrow.

FLASHLIGHT OF FRAUD

Unique Bit of Evidence Against Pittsburgh Councilmen and Bankers.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—A flashlight photograph of 7 members of councils in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter," it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented tomorrow morning when seven members of councils and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts brought by the voters league. This picture, it is said, was taken in a private room in a downtown hotel last night immediately before the councilman was arrested.

No additional arrests were made today, and it is said that none are likely to be made until after the hearing tomorrow morning.

Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Hulling Detective Agency, of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the case.

This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city and to have become very intimate with the councilman. With other detectives concealed within hearing distance the Councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of legislation, to name the other members who were to share in the bribe and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see some real money.

The detective peeled off \$100 and \$500 bills from a large roll and just as the councilman reached for his allotment the flash was ignited. The councilman, it is said, broke down and wept and when he accused his companion of trapping him there was no denial. Then an officer appeared and made the arrest.

BLOODSHED IN GEORGIA.

Three Dead and Policeman Mortally Wounded at Ocella, Ga.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Ocella, Ga., Dec. 22.—Within a stone's throw of each other, their blood making crimson the streets of this quiet town, three men were instantly killed tonight and an officer of the law received mortal wounds. Jack Sheppard and Charlie Moore met Police Officer Walters on the street shortly after 9 o'clock. Just after passing the officer, Sheppard, it is stated, fired a giant cannon cracker. The officer mildly remonstrated with him for the act whereupon Moore took the side of Sheppard and words passed between the trio.

Moore is said to have become violently angry and attacked the officer with his pistol, shooting at short range. Sheppard got out of the way and took no hand further than that related in the tragedy. The officer, mortally wounded by Moore's first bullet, summoned his energy and gamely fired upon Moore as the latter ran. The officer's aim was unerring, the ball struck Moore squarely in the back. He ran across the street from the officer and fell lifeless.

While the duel between the officer and Charlie Moore was in progress Leonard Smith, a son of Chief of Police Smith, rushed to the officer's aid. At this juncture Virgil Moore, brother of Charlie Moore, went to the help of his brother and, it is said, fired upon Smith. Smith, though dying, almost instantly like the officer, returned the fire upon his assailant, shooting him dead in his tracks.

A heavy snow storm is prevailing in Northern Virginia and gives promise of the first white Christmas in years. Reports from points further South in the valley show the storm to be general.

Lot of new fancy goods just received at Rehder's.

TAFT AND THE SOUTH

President-elect Hopes to Bring the South to Realize the Necessity of Taking Part in National Affairs—Visit in Texas.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 22.—President-elect William H. Taft decided today to visit the State of Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of Congress, which he is to call to revise the tariff. While his itinerary for the visit has not arrived, he will make the city of Dallas, one of the principal points of the trip. Thirty cities and towns of the Lone Star State united in a request for his presence at any time he should choose to come. The invitation expressed a keen desire on the part of the commercial bodies of the places in question to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Taft and promised him a cordial welcome and courteous treatment.

Mr. Taft is to bring his administration into close touch with the South, according to his declarations, and hopes to bring the South to realize the necessity of itself taking a hand in National affairs.

Judge Taft was compelled much to his expressed regret today to decline to visit Chattanooga, Tenn., where it was hoped to have his presence at the dedication of a \$200,000 Young Men's Christian Association building. The invitation was extended personally by a delegation which visited Mr. Taft from that city. In declining, the President-elect said that to accept means he would have to give up the balance of time between now and his trip to Panama visiting Southern cities, as he had pressing invitations from nearly all of them, and to accept one and reject another would cause dissatisfaction. He expressed his hearty accord with the Y. M. C. A. movement in the South and recalled the fact that he had assisted at such dedications all around the world.

But three Southern cities besides Augusta will see the President-elect during his present stay in the South. He will visit Atlanta at some time to be fixed by the delegation which will come here next week. He will embark for Panama from Charleston, S. C., and has decided to land at New Orleans on his return.

A delegation of Southern editors have applied to be received by Mr. Taft while here, and their request has been granted. The arrangements for the expedition have not been completed.

At a dinner Saturday night to be given to Mr. Taft by Henry C. Maxwell, an old time Cincinnati friend, it has been planned that Judge Taft shall meet a number of Southern federal office holders which will afford Mr. Taft further opportunity to extend his southern propaganda.

A CHURCH RIOT
Warring Factions in Catholic Congregation Near Pittsburgh.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—Warring factions a Catholic congregation, in Homestead, a suburb, tonight engaged in a riot in which four persons were seriously and several hundred slaves were slightly cut or bruised. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested and are in jail and warrants are being prepared for at least one-half of the 500 participants in the melee. After the Homestead riot had been quelled with the aid of the fire department, the rioters were sent to Munhall where they destroyed the interior of St. Michael's Slavonic parochial school, home of the new priest, Rev. M. C. Flarginsky, whose life they vainly sought.

The trouble was over the removal of furniture from St. Michael's Slavonic Roman Catholic church to the parochial school at Munhall, a nearby borough by a new pastor.

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FLEET LEAVES PANAMA.

American Cruisers Sail For Talcahuana—The Departure.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Panama, Dec. 22.—The United States Pacific cruiser fleet with the exception of the Colorado, sailed from here this afternoon at 5 o'clock for Talcahuana. President Obaldia, the members of his Cabinet, and Herbert G. Squires, the American minister, proceeded out to the bay in a launch and watched their departure.

The American cruisers arrived December 13th and during their visit more than 8,000 men were given shore leave, but not a single serious offense has been committed.

ITS WORK COMPLETED

The House Committee Begins Its Report on Tariff Revision.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—The House Ways and Means committee today completed its hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff and the subcommittee, consisting of the Republican members of the full committee began the work of revising the present law into a tariff bill. This bill is to be submitted to Congress at the special session, which, it is understood Judge Taft will call next March.

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Every person who shall fire any cannon, gun, pistol or other fire arms, or any cannon crackers, dynamite crackers or other fireworks in any street or alley, or upon any wharf, or in any private or public lot or anywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington, except upon a military parade or by permission from the Mayor or the Chief of Police, shall be fined ten (\$10) dollars for each and every offence; provided this prohibition shall not extend to the firing of cannon fire crackers and fireworks on the 24th and 25th of December and first day of January and 4th day of July of each year, which are two inches and under in length, and provided further, that this amendment does not prohibit the use of other fireworks on the dates herein mentioned, and that on said dates no firecrackers or fireworks will be allowed to be exploded west of Front street.

N. J. WILLIAMS,

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